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After days of uncertainty, the Metro Mitra app has finally been introduced in the city and is now accessible at the Jayanagar metro station. It is aimed at enhancing first and last-mile connectivity from and to metro stations. » PAGE 3

### State to challenge CWRC order in SC

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said the Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee's (CWRC) direction to Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu from September 28 to October 15 will be challenged before the Supreme Court. » PAGE 6

# Hit jobs on foreign soil not India's policy: Jaishankar

Minister says Ottawa was asked to provide any specific information on Nijjar's death; he says Canada has a 'very permissive' environment for secessionist activity, has also seen organised crime

**Sriram Lakshman**
NEW YORK

In the latest round of sparring between India and Canada over the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia last June, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said that the Indian government had told its Canadian counterpart that it was not its "policy" to engage in such acts.

Mr. Jaishankar added that Canada had a "very permissive" environment as far as secessionist activity was concerned.

"We told the Canadians that this is not the Government of India's policy," Mr. Jaishankar said about the allegations of India's involvement in Nijjar's death. The Canadians were also told that if they had any specific information, the government "was open to looking at it", the Minister added. Mr. Jaishankar was speaking at an event at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, moderated by Kenneth Juster, a former U.S. Ambassador to India.

> We have given them [Canada] a lot of information about organised crime leadership, which operates out of Canada
> **S. JAISHANKAR**
> External Affairs Minister

**Organised crime**

Seeking to provide context to the situation, Mr. Jaishankar said that Canada had seen significant amounts of "organised crime relating to secessionist forces", that is, supporters of India-related secessionist movements, such as the Khalistani cause.

"We have actually been badgering the Canadians," he said. "We have given them a lot of information about organised crime leadership, which operates out of Canada." The Minister added that India had made several extradition requests of Canada.

"Our concern is that it's really been very permissive because of political reasons," Mr. Jaishankar said, adding that India's diplomats have been threatened and its consulates attacked. He noted that there has been interference in India's politics, often justified on the grounds of concerns about democracy.

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### Many held as NIA cracks down on 'terror' nexus

NEW DELHI
The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday detained several suspects as part of the crackdown on the terrorist-gangster-drug smuggler nexus, linked to Canada-based "listed terrorist" Arshdeep Singh Gill. » PAGE 12

# Manipur government extends AFSPA in hill districts for 6 months

**Vijaita Singh**
NEW DELHI

The Manipur government on Wednesday extended the imposition of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the whole State – except in the jurisdiction of 19 police stations in seven districts of the Imphal valley – for another six months.

The "disturbed area" status under the Act will remain applicable in all the hill districts, which are dominated by tribal communities. However, since 2022, the AFSPA has been gradually withdrawn from the valley districts, which are dominated by the Meitei community, due to a "significant improvement" in the security situation.

The State government's notification maintaining this "status quo" is applicable from October 1. It comes despite the Army's demand for the re-imposition of AFSPA in the valley districts, arguing that its absence had hampered operations against insurgent groups.

Security personnel fire tear gas shells at protesters in Manipur on Wednesday. PTI

After a lull of many years, these groups are said to have regained a foothold in the State during the current wave of ethnic violence. Mostly operating from Myanmar, they advocate the secession of Manipur from India.

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### Commuters caught in traffic gridlocks in city

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The huge outflux of vehicles due to the upcoming long weekend and brief spells of rain coupled with bad road conditions resulted in major traffic congestion across the city throughout Wednesday. Especially in the evening, there were traffic gridlocks along the IT belt including ORR, Sarjapur, Bellandur and Mahadevapura, lasting for over two hours leading to lakhs of motorists getting stuck on the roads.

Meanwhile, South African comedian Trevor Noah, on an India tour, cancelled his show in Bengaluru on Wednesday owing to problems with the acoustics at the venue. With huge traffic congestion in East Bengaluru, those who had bought tickets made it to the venue with great difficulty, only to see that the show had been cancelled.

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# Ground Survey

As the ICC ODI World Cup is all set to be held in India from October 5 to November 19, an in-depth look at the venues which will host the cricketing extravaganza; today, we feature the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai

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The M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai will host five matches, including India's opening game against Australia on October 8. The last match at the venue, featuring South Africa and Pakistan, will be held on October 27. Incidentally, India and Australia met at the same venue for their first match of the Reliance ODI World Cup in 1987. It was also the first ever ODI in Chennai, then Madras, which India lost by a run. Thirty-six years later, as Chepauk gears up to play host to the 2023 ODI World Cup, Sportstar caught up with Prasanna Kannan, Tamil Nadu Premier League CEO, to get the lowdown on the prep work.

If you are planning to watch a game in Chennai during the World Cup, here's all you need to know:

**Capacity:** The stadium capacity is 38,175. Approximately 970 seats are unavailable due to camera stands, pillars, and sight screens, leaving a total capacity of around 37,000. Of these, approximately 1,800-2,000 are reserved for ICC sponsors (complimentary) and guests for the World Cup, while BCCI reserves around 700-800. The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association generally allocates around 7,500 complimentary tickets for clubs, government departments, cricketers, former office bearers, and current office bearers, with a quota system in place. There are around 25,000 public tickets available for sale, of which BCCI and ICC have reserved around 6,000 for internal sales. TNCA has to also cater to Madras Cricket Club (MCC) and Madras Race Club (MRC), which accounts for about 3000 tickets. There is also a TNCA option to buy for members in the F, G, and H upper stands, leaving around 13,000 tickets available for purchase by the general public. These are sold in two ways. One by ICC outside India for foreign fans, and through BookMyShow in India.

**Practice facilities:** At MAC B, matting was installed on identified pitches for lower division practice as the nets and structures were old and needed to be reinstalled. A high-transmission power line was opted for, and trenches were dug and wires laid for the installation of a transformer near the older indoor nets. Wiring was laid across the stadium, and hence the Pattabhiraman gate is currently shut. But it will open for the World Cup. However, the transformer won't be operational until the end of December. A study is being conducted to determine whether having an entry gate via Pattabhiraman and an exit via A. G. Ram Singh will ease traffic flow.

Minor works are also being carried out inside the stadium, including the installation of showers in the umpire's room and a change of some mats in the washrooms. The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) code mandates one washroom for approximately 110 people, but there are more on offer here. Although there is no exact number of washrooms available for each stand since the capacity of each stand varies, approximately one toilet for every 70 people is likely to be maintained.

AFP

**Lighting:** The floodlights have been replaced with LED lights in MAC A and MAC B stadiums due to the old metallurgy lamps going out of production and the high cost of replacement bulbs. The LED lights achieve better uniformity of light and reduce energy consumption by 40-50%.

During testing, an illuminance of around 4000 lux was achieved at the centre of the ground and 1800-1900 lux at the boundary, which is higher than the production perspective of 3000 and 1500 lux respectively. There is no specific standard for lights, but the ICC issued a standard in 2008-2009 from the players' perspective, which is 1500 lux in the centre and 800 lux at the boundary. Even for 4K resolution during IPL, these lights should be enough to provide quality. LED lights give uniformity, and the current roof is made of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) fabric, so it cannot handle any weight. Therefore, a setup like the one in Ahmedabad, which has a ring of lights mounted along the rim of the roof, is out of the question.

These light towers are powered by generators as they are not connected to the main grid. The transformers are not designed to handle the high loads of the LED lights or metallurgy, which can cause delays during match days. The LED towers require around 1000 kVA of load, while the metallurgy towers require a minimum of 2400-2500 kVA of load. The old metallurgy lights took approximately 20 minutes to fully light up, whereas the LEDs come back on immediately.

**Ticketing:** There are two online ticketing options available: BookMyShow for Indian audiences and ICC tours and travels for foreign countries. They are selling tickets with geoblocks for specific countries participating in events. For instance, for a match between India and Australia, some tickets are available only to Australian citizens or people outside India who want to attend the event.

Home delivery is an option for advance bookings at an extra cost, and redemption of online tickets is available at other centres. However, there were issues with the e-scanning of tickets during the IPL due to poor internet availability. So, in anticipation of the World Cup rush, Wi-Fi from the stadium's office central network will be made available at entry gates.

No decision has been taken on whether redemption of tickets will be available or not, which is pending confirmation with BookMyShow. If it is available, it will be open one week before the tournament and will continue until match day at two centres in the stadium – one on Canal Road and the other on Wallajah Road. However, logistics are still being figured out. The redemption process is up to individual centres.

**Parking and transport for fans:** Parking facilities for the public will be the same as it was during IPL 2023 – for fans without car passes, space will be available at the Madras University campus, the PWD parking area (opposite the V Pattabiraman gate on Wallajah Road), the Omandurar Medical College campus, and the Kalaivanar Arangam parking area. It is necessary to coordinate with CMRL for transportation arrangements during matches. TNCA writes to both Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) and local transport authorities about extending bus and train timings based on match timings.

**Drainage:** Back in 2005, two games [India vs. South Africa, 3rd ODI; India vs. Sri Lanka, 1st Test] were curtailed due to a wet outfield, despite no rain during the game. The TNCA then relaid the outfield with soft drainage, utilising multi-layered soil and perforated PVC pipes to drain excess water. Since then, there have been no issues with inundated outfields. When it rains, covers are placed on the main strip, and bowler's run-up. The three super soppers in the stadium are used to remove any excess water from the covers to prevent it from spilling onto the 30 yards, which would cause problems for the bowlers' run-up. Afterward, a rope is run across the outfield to discharge any remaining water before the players warm up and the game resumes. There will be a 45-minute delay at the most – out of which 30 minutes is basically for groundsmen to work on the covers – which includes removing them, marking them, putting up the stumps, and everything else. Then another 10-15 minutes are required for the fielding team to warm up.

**Pitch:** The Chepauk square was not fully relaid, only receiving a top wash. Chepauk typically undergoes a top wash once every two seasons. The square was last fully relaid in 2014. The pitch at Chepauk consists of clay and red soil. In recent times, it has helped spinners, but has also been a true surface for batters. Out of the nine IPL matches played this year, only two saw scores over 200, while the others saw scores ranging between 140-180. The Chepauk pitch appeared to have lost its famed bounce for a while, but the curators have managed to get it back. The square has nine pitches, which have undergone annual maintenance since the IPL, and there is a sincere effort to have good grass covering. If the matches are played in October, the threat of rains is always around the corner as it is the active North-East Monsoon period. The dew factor depends on the rains. If there are rains before the matches, the chances of dew are slim. But if it is dry, dew could come into play. If that is the case, the ground staff will spray the anti-dew chemicals on the outfield to ensure toss doesn't become a crucial factor and the bowling team doesn't struggle under lights with a wet ball.

**Areas that need attention:** It is hoped that TNCA's discussions with CMRL will bear fruition and fans will be allowed to use QR/barcoded entry tickets for the World Cup matches as tickets for Metro trains.

Like CSK's tie-up with CMRL during the last IPL, feeder buses were available to transport fans from Government Estate Metro Station to the stadium. Similar arrangements could enhance the WC experience in Chennai.

## THE GIST

**The M.A. Chidambaram Stadium will host five matches**

- October 8 (India vs Australia)
- October 13 (Bangladesh vs New Zealand)
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# Tech corridor witnesses massive traffic gridlock

Commuters complained of taking almost double the usual time to reach their destinations. The gridlock was caused by many people of leaving the city ahead of the long weekend

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Traffic jam on the Outer Ring Road in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The tech corridor alongside the Outer Ring Road (ORR) witnessed traffic gridlock, which lasted for around four hours in the evening on Wednesday ahead of the weekend, preceded by the Eid Milad holiday on Thursday and the call for Karnataka bandh on Friday.

Commuters, including children in school buses, travelling through areas like Marathahalli, Bellandur, Sarjapur, Varthur, Whitefield and Iblur, took almost double the usual time to reach their destinations.

According to regular commuters and traffic police, ORR witnessed traffic snarls throughout the day, and many officegoers took almost three hours to reach their workplaces in the morning.

**Cascading effect**

"There was a huge number of vehicles on the road. As there was a bandh on Tuesday, it had a cascading effect, with more employees coming to the office on Wednesday. With the long weekend also coming up, the outflux and influx of traffic was very high. The congestion, which would usually take an hour to clear, took over 1.5 hours today (Wednesday)," said Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP (Traffic), East Division.

He also said the breakdown of one vehicle and a spell of rain also added to the traffic woes along the corridor. "After assessing the traffic situation in the morning, we were well prepared and were on the field by 3 p.m. However, the vehicles just kept increasing," he said.

Ahmed Faraz, an IT employee who works near Sarjapur, said he changed his regular commute route after checking the traffic situation on Google Maps and still ended up reaching home later than usual.

"The traffic was bad in the morning, and it took 15-20 more minutes than usual to reach the office. My commute from the office to my house in Jeevan Bima Nagar takes around 30-35 minutes, and on Wednesday, Google Maps showed 1 hour 45 minutes as the travel time. Instead of the Bellandur route, I went via Koramangala, and I reached home in 1 hour 20 minutes," he explained.

Gagan, whose children are studying in classes 3 and 5, along with others from that school, were stuck in a school bus for over two hours near Sakra Hospital. He said, "While my children usually come home by 3.30 p.m., they reached only around 6 p.m. due to the traffic."

**Slow moving traffic**

With a five-day long weekend coming up, many people made their journey out of the city on Wednesday, leading to bumper-to-bumper traffic along the exit points.

Ballari Road, Mysuru Road, Tumakuru Road, Hoskote Road along K.R. Puram were among the points where traffic snarls were reported.

"This is very common in Bengaluru during long weekends. However, there was no congestion at any of these points and just slow-moving traffic. Only ORR was badly affected," said M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic).

# Trevor Noah cancels shows in city after experiencing trouble with acoustics

**Mini Anthikad Chhibber**
BENGALURU

Comedian Trevor Noah performing at the JLN Indoor Stadium in New Delhi during the opening leg of his 'Off The Record' India tour, on September 22. PTI

It was the worst possible blow for live shows and Bengaluru. While *The Daily Show* host might well have got a year's worth of material from the show that wasn't, the cancellation of Trevor Noah's Off the Record gigs due to bad acoustics was crushing for Bengalureans who had forded every treacherous stream and climbed every mountain of gridlocked traffic to reach Manpho Convention Centre in Nagavara. The shows were scheduled for September 27 and 28.

The show on Wednesday started late to cut some slack for all the Indiana Jones and sundry adventurers to reach the venue. The buzz, however, was all positive as fellow travellers clapped each other on the back for making it. It seemed rather hot and stuffy, but everyone just tried to keep calm and continue taking selfies. When the lights finally dimmed there was a roar of anticipation.

Standup comic Wilner Sylvince, the opening act for Noah, took the stage, and the first rumblings of disquiet were heard. As Sylvince spoke of his adventures with a bidet, the rumblings grew to a frustrated bellow as his words were swallowed up by an annoying echo. He tried to calm the crowd to not much avail. And then the lights did their disco dance, and Noah came on stage to the ever-growing chant of "we can't hear".

The front rows said they were able to hear, which prompted Noah to suggest that maybe he could tell them the jokes, which they could pass on to the rows behind. It would have been a fun case of Chinese whispers.

Noah walked off stage saying they would try to sort out the sound but obviously it was not to be.

"They should have reduced the feedback from the on-stage monitors, which was probably the cause of the echo and distortion," suggested advertising professional Amal K.J., who had made the trek from Arekere on Bannerghatta Road (gulp) for the show. "He is an icon in the world of standup, and it is such a shame that Bengaluru was denied the chance of hearing him."

"I cannot believe a sound check was not done for a world-class act like Trevor Noah," commented content creator Rupa Jacob from Yelahanka. "The Russell Peters show in the same venue sounded fine; I was sitting even further back and could hear perfectly well. The AC was also working then. This has turned me off live events, and it is back to OTT for me." And the neon god has won once more.

# Traffic diversions for Eid Milad

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In view of Ed-Milad procession in the limits of Ulsoor Gate Traffic Police Station on Thursday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., a large number of people are expected to gather at YMCA ground, Nrupathunga road. In order to ensure free flow of traffic, the police have announced traffic arrangements as traffic movement in the Central Business District (CBD) is going to be affected.

Motorists have been asked to avoid roads including Nrupatunga road, Dr. BR Ambedkar Road, Mysuru Road, Nayandahalli junction, KIMKO junction, Bapujinagar, and Market circle.

# Freshers' Day celebrated at MSRIT

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology on Monday celebrated the Freshers' Day for the first year B.E., B. Arch students on its premises in Mathikere.

The Chief Guest of the event, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, (AICTE), New Delhi, inaugurated the programme through digital display. Prof. Sitharam, insisted all the students to enrich their skills-sets, and thought process and appealed to them to accept the challenges and get exposed to personal growth and development.

Guest of Honour, Girish S, DCP, Bengaluru, an Alumnus, MSRIT, Bengaluru, advised all the students to be disciplined.

# Ahead of bandh, Vatal Nagaraj campaigns in city seeking support

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Vatal Nagaraj and others staging a protest against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Ahead of the Karnataka bandh called on Friday, Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj engaged in a campaign urging the general public to support the Karnataka Bandh call and oppose the Karnataka government' decision to release water to Tamil Nadu.

Mr. Nagaraj had not supported the Bengaluru bandh called on Tuesday by Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samiti which is led by Kuruburu Shantakumar.

On Monday, after Mr. Nagaraj held a meeting on holding a Karnataka bandh on Friday, several organisations, including autorickshaw and cab unions, withdrew support.

Mr. Nagaraj has now turned his attention to garner support and ensure a successful bandh. He asked people to support the call to protect the Cauvery river and in the interest of farmers who are in distress.

Mr. Nagaraj talking to *The Hindu* said he took out an intense campaign visiting several malls across the city. "We received overwhelming response from everyone and the bandh will be successful. The auto, cab and hotel associations also extended the support for the call," he said, adding that on the bandh day, protesters will block national highways across the state and will hold a rally from Town Hall to Freedom Park.

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>
> **VATAL NAGARAJ,**
> Kannada activist

# Nature walk at Bannerghatta park

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

As part of Wildlife Week, Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBBP) is organising a free nature walk for local biodiversity documentation and photography in the park on October 2, 7, and 8 between 6.30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Citizens 10 years and above are eligible to join the walk. Those below 18 years should be accompanied by a guardian.

The BBBP in a release said that as the participation is limited to 40 persons per session, those interested to participate have to prebook for the nature walk through whatsapp to 9035092797 before 5 p.m. on September 30.

Further, the BBBP has also invited citizens to display their wildlife photographs, painting during the wildlife week at Bannerghatta Biological Park. Those interested can send hardcopies of upto three photos and one painting by September 29..

# Police, tech companies to launch 'Bengaluru Cybersphere Centre for Excellence' in the city

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

To take cyber investigation and security to the next level, the State police, in collaboration with leading tech companies in Bengaluru, have proposed to launch a "Bengaluru Cybersphere for Excellence" here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Director General and Inspector General of Police, Alok Mohan said that the creation of a cybersphere innovation centre will serve as state of art hub for knowledge sharing innovation and skill development. This will enhance security, foster partnership and contribute to the prosperity of Bengaluru.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara, along other senior police officials, and representatives of IT-BT companies were present.

**One of the objectives is to share information and expertise between the Home Department and tech companies to improve security**

**Objectives**

Elaborating on the objective of the project, city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda said that the cybersphere innovation lab will develop cutting-edge technology for law enforcement and public safety.

The objective, according to Mr. Dayananda, is also to share information and expertise between the Home Department and tech companies to improve security measures and strategies.

The proposed lab will also offer training and development programmes for both government and tech company personnel to enhance their capabilities.

The lab also aims to upgrade technology to monitor social media in a more effective way in terms of law and order, and crime prevention.

Funding for the centre will be shared by the Home Department, and participating tech companies.

**Phased manner**

The project will be implemented in a phased manner with initial focus on establishing the centre and launching collaborative workshops and seminars for the project.

**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY** G20

**Bid Number: GEM/2023/B/3991638**
**Dated: 21-09-2023**

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| Name of work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Hiring of vehicle for the official use of Officers/Supervisors of Gati Shakthi/Bengaluru & Associate Finance over Bengaluru Division for a period of 24 Months (Two Years) | Rs. 2,42,27,652/- |

Last date for submission of bids:
**Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 20-10-2023**

**For details log on : https://gem.gov.in**
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**Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer**
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**Sd/- Chief Manager,**
**Bank of Baroda,**

**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY** G20

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**Dated: 21.09.2023**

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Senior Divisional Engineer/North/Bengaluru sec: **Sub Work I:** Baiyyappanahalli - Dharmavaram Section : Slope stabilization by step cutting and provision of catch drain at Km 53/000-150 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Hindupur sub-division. **Sub Work II:** Baiyyappanahalli - Dharmavaram Section : Slope stabilization by step cutting by flattening, construction of catch water drain and side drain cum RCC retaining wall at Km 57/500-800 in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Hindupur sub-division. **Sub Work III:** Baiyyappanahalli - Dharmavaram Section : Slope stabilization of cutting by slope flattening, rail barricading and provision of side drain cum retaining wall at KM 59/480-680 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Hindupur sub-division. **Sub Work IV:** Baiyyappanahalli - Dharmavaram Section : Slope protection works on cutting by rail barricading and catch water drain at KM 56/400-720 and 59/680-60/800 in Assistant Divisional Engineer / Hindupur sub-division. **Sub Work V:** Baiyyappanahalli - Dharmavaram Section : Slope stabilization on vulnerable cutting at km 55/250-350 by provision of wide catch water drain and rail barricading in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Hindupur sub-division. **Sub Work VI:** Baiyyappanahalli - Dharmavaram Section : Slope stabilization by reprofiling by step cutting and provision of catch water drain at km 55/900-56/100 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Hindupur sub-division. **Sub Work VII:** Slope stabilization works in cutting by trench and rail barricading at km 54/650-750 and flattening and catch water drain at km 55/150-250 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Hindupur sub-division. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. | Rs. 9,10,62,005/- |
| 2 | Bengaluru - Arsikere and Yelahanka - Chintamani Section: Surfacing of approach roads at level crossings - Total 39 nos. Maintenance period is 12 months. | Rs. 1,77,80,868/- |
| 3 | Assistant Divisional Engineer/Hindupur sub-division: Supply and installation of control and monitoring system for water supply at Hindupur station and colony and Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam station and colony. Maintenance period is 12 months. | Rs. 27,01,138/- |
| 4 | Bengaluru Division: Yelahanka-Proposed provision of PF Shelter PF-1 -360sqm, PF-2&3 - 452sqm, PF-4&5 - 449sqm. Total - 1261sqm. Maintenance period is 8 months. | Rs. 1,14,58,341/- |
| 5 | Senior Divisional Engineer/West/Bengaluru section: Kengeri - Proposed provision of coach watering facilities at Kengeri station. Maintenance period is 6 months. | Rs. 1,86,13,636/- |

Last date for submission of bids:
**Up to 15:00 hrs. of 16.10.2023**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

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**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY** G20

**Tender Notice No. 20/2023 Dated: 22.09.2023**

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following items: **Tender closing Time: 10:30 Hrs.**

| Sl | Tender No. | Description in Brief (E-Open Tenders) | Qty. | Tender Due on |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 30231331 | Overhauling kit for Aluminum Distributor Valve | 750 Sets | 09.10.2023 |
| 2 | 33231268 | Set of Side Buffer Assembly Helical Spring Type | 30 sets | 03.10.2023 |
| 3 | 75231056 | Pre-Laminated compreg to size 2440x1220x3mm | 14406 Nos | 16.10.2023 |
| 4 | 71231003 | Brush paint and varnish flat size 50mm | 6570 Nos | 20.10.2023 |
| 5 | 17231189 | Bearing CE for suspension tube | 106 Nos | 11.10.2023 |
| 6 | 72235001 | Hexagonal Cast Iron Test Weights | 3389 Nos | 11.10.2023 |
| 7 | 45231274 | 4.5 Kw underslung Constant Voltage Regulated Charger | 94 Nos | 09.10.2023 |
| 8 | 45231164A | 25 kw Alternator complete with two pulleys | 51 Sets | 09.10.2023 |
| 9 | 43231030A | Measuring and Monitoring relay for 3 phase | 1190 Nos | 16.10.2023 |
| 10 | 30231587 | Bent Coupling Link with LH Trunnion | 680 Nos | 03.10.2023 |
| 11 | 75231026 | Upgraded vinyl coated upholstery fabric | 18007 Mtr | 09.10.2023 |
| 12 | 60232018 | 11200mm Curved Fan shaped Switches | 60 Sets | 06.10.2023 |
| 13 | 45231524 | High Voltage HRC Fuse Din type 25A | 3378 Nos | 10.10.2023 |
| 14 | 30231492 | Hanger for bogie bolster suspension | 12483 Nos | 16.10.2023 |
| 15 | 38231113B | Flap Door BOXN BOXNHS Drg WD-90007-S-1 | 1222 Nos | 16.10.2023 |
| 16 | 37231339 | Buffer Plunger for coaching stock | 713 Nos | 16.10.2023 |
| 17 | 17221103D | Element Engine air filter Fiberglass | 5021 Nos | 19.10.2023 |
| 18 | 18231128 | Relay General Purpose to EMD part 8357415 | 198 Nos | 11.10.2023 |
| 19 | 75231013 | Fire retardant upholstery for Non-AC coaches | 97750 Mtr | 19.10.2023 |
| 20 | 30231018 | POH kit for modified shock absorber 600 kg | 1967 Sets | 16.10.2023 |
| 21 | 60232004 | ISEJ for 2 to 4 degree curve for 60kg rail | 50 Sets | 25.10.2023 |
| 22 | 60232014A | 10125mm Fan shaped switches for 1 in 12 | 169 Sets | 25.10.2023 |
| 23 | 30231496 | Delrin Liner for Axle Box seating | 27098 Nos | 16.10.2023 |
| 24 | L1235283 | 3 Phase TM Testing Panel | 01 Set | 17.10.2023 |

For tender No. **17231241** of Notice No. 18/2023, tender due date changed from 21.09.2023 to 10.10.2023

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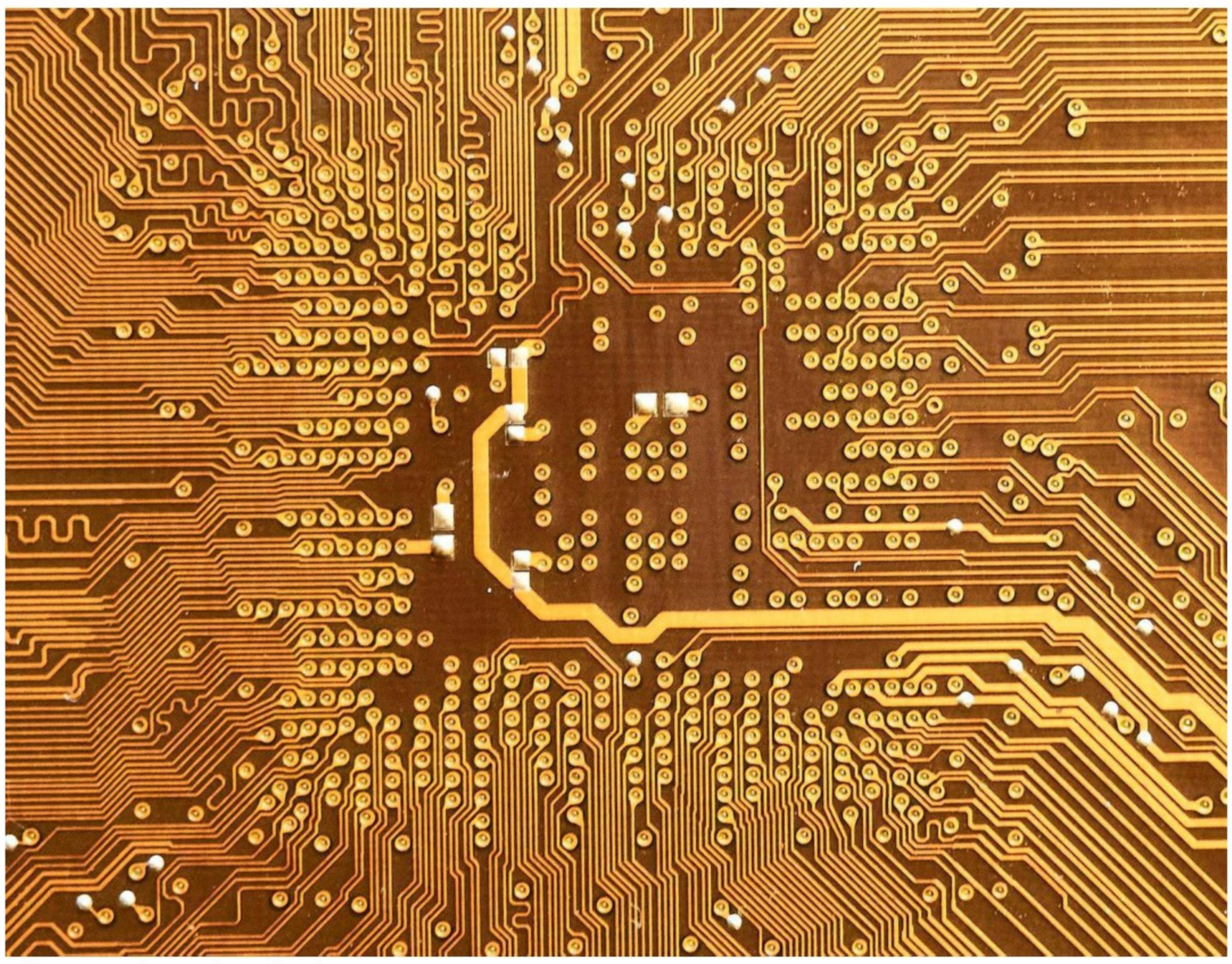
# How can a quantum computer prove that it is superior?

In a paper in *Nature Physics*, a researcher at Google Quantum AI reportedly demonstrated in theory that simulating random quantum circuits and determining their output will be difficult for classical computers. If a quantum computer solves this problem, it can achieve quantum supremacy

Tejasri Gururaj



A close-up view of a printed circuit board. MANUELJOTA/UNSPLASH

Quantum computing is becoming more popular – both as a field of study and in the public imagination. The technology promises more speed and more efficient problem-solving abilities, challenging the boundaries set by classical, conventional computing.

The hype has led to inflated expectations. But whether or not it can meet them, the raison d'être of a quantum computer is taken to be synonymous with the ability to solve some problems much faster than a classical computer can. This achievement, called quantum supremacy, will establish quantum computers as superior machines.

Scientists have been exploring both experimental and theoretical ways to prove quantum supremacy.

Ramis Movassagh, a researcher at Google Quantum AI, recently had a study published in the journal *Nature Physics*. Here, he has reportedly demonstrated in theory that simulating random quantum circuits and determining their output will be extremely difficult for classical computers. In other words, if a quantum computer solves this problem, it can achieve quantum supremacy.

But why do such problems exist?

## Facing the quantum challenge

Quantum computers use quantum bits, or qubits, whereas classical computers use binary bits (0 and 1). Qubits are fundamentally different from classical bits as they can have the value 0 or 1, as a classical bit can, or a value that's a combination of 0 and 1, called a *superposition*.

Superposition states allow qubits to carry more information. This capacity for parallelism gives quantum computers their archetypal advantage over classical computers, allowing them to perform a disproportionately greater number of operations.

Qubits also exhibit entanglement, meaning that two qubits can be intrinsically linked regardless of their physical separation. This property allows quantum computers to tackle complex problems that may be out of reach of classical devices.

All this said, the real breakthrough in quantum computing is scalability. In classical computers, the processing power grows linearly with the number of bits. Add 50 bits and the processing power will increase by 50 units. So the more operations you want to perform, the more bits you add.

Quantum computers defy this linearity, however. When you add more qubits to a quantum computer, its computational power for certain tasks grows exponentially as $2^n$, where $n$ is the number of qubits. For example, whereas a one-qubit quantum computer can perform $2^1 = 2$ computations, a two-qubit quantum computer can perform $2^2 = 4$ computations, and so forth.

## #P-hard problems

Quantum circuits are at the heart of quantum computing. These circuits consist of qubits and quantum gates, analogous to the logic gates of classical computers. For example, an AND gate in a classical setup has output 1 if both its inputs are 0 or 1 – i.e. (0,0) or (1,1). Similarly, a quantum circuit can have qubits and quantum gates wired to combine input values in a certain way.

In such a circuit, a quantum gate could manipulate the qubits to perform specific functions, leading to an output. These outputs can be combined to solve complex mathematical problems.

Classical computers struggle with #P-hard problems – a set of problems that includes estimating the probability that random quantum circuits will yield a certain output.

#P-hard problems are a subset of #P problems, which are all counting problems. To understand what this means, let's consider another set of problems called NP problems. These are decision-making problems, meaning that the output is always either 'yes' or 'no'.

A famous example of an NP problem is the travelling salesman problem. Given a set of cities, is there a route passing through all of them and returning to the first one, without visiting any city twice, whose total distance is less than a certain value? As the number of cities increases, the problem becomes vastly more difficult to solve.

To turn this NP problem into a #P problem, we must count all the different possible routes that are shorter than the specified limit. #P problems are *at least as hard* as NP problems because they require not just a 'yes' or 'no' answer but the number of possible solutions. That is, when the answer is 'no', the count will be zero; but when the answer is 'yes', the count will have to be computed.

If a problem is #P-hard, then it is so challenging that if you can efficiently solve it, you can also efficiently solve every other problem in the #P class by making certain types of transformations.

## Taking the Cayley path

To prove that there is a class of problems that can be solved by quantum computers but not by classical computers, Dr. Movassagh used a mathematical construct called the Cayley path.

The Cayley path is like a bridge that helps the travelling salesman move smoothly between two different situations in the study – like one random route and one significantly complicated route. With quantum computers, one situation would be the worst-case scenario, like imagining the most challenging quantum circuit possible. The other would be the average case, a quantum circuit that has been randomly selected from the set of all possible circuits.

This 'bridge' allows us to reframe the most challenging quantum circuit in terms of the average circuit – like seeing how tough it might be to handle the worst traffic jam compared to your regular commute.

Dr. Movassagh showed that estimating the output probability of a random quantum circuit is a #P-hard problem, and has all the characteristics of a problem in this computational complexity class – including overwhelming the ability of a classical computer to solve it.

His paper is also notable because of its error-quantifiable nature. That is, the work dispenses with approximations, and allows independent researchers to explicitly quantify the robustness of his findings.

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## Quantum complexity theory

As such, Dr. Mossavagh's paper shows that there exists a problem that presents a computational barrier to classical computers but not to quantum computers (assuming a quantum computer can crack a #P-hard problem).

The establishment of quantum supremacy will have a positive impact on several fields: cryptography is expected to be a particularly famous beneficiary, at least once the requisite advances in hardware and materials science have been achieved.Dr. Movassagh's paper is also an advance in quantum complexity theory. The sets NP, #P, #P-hard, etc. were defined keeping the computational abilities of classical computers in mind. Quantum complexity theory is concerned with limits of complexity defined by quantum computers.

The theory also challenges the extended Church-Turing thesis, which is the idea that classical computers can efficiently simulate any physical process. Dr. Movassagh hopes to continue his work to investigate the hardness of additional quantum tasks and someday disprove the thesis.

*(Tejasri Gururaj is a freelance science writer and journalist.)*

A Bolson tortoise is shown to a group of wildlife officials in Engle, New Mexico, on Friday. AP

# *Biologists in slow race to help North America's rarest tortoise*

Associated Press

While the average lifespan of North America's largest and most rare tortoise species is unknown, biologists have said it could span upward of a century.

So saving the endangered species is a long game – one that got another nudge forward on September 22 as U.S. wildlife officials finalised an agreement with Ted Turner's Endangered Species Fund that clears the way for the release of more Bolson tortoises on the media mogul's ranch in central New Mexico.

The "safe harbor agreement" will facilitate the release of captive tortoises on the Armendaris Ranch to establish a free-ranging population. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Martha Williams said the agreement, which offers private landowners protections from regulations, can serve as a model as officials look for more innovative ways to work within the Endangered Species Act.

Dozens of people gathered for the release of 20 more adult tortoises on the property, which is already home to 23 of them as well as dozens of juvenile ones. With the sun high in the sky and temperatures nearing 32 degrees C, the release was held off until the evening to ensure their well-being.

**The wild population in Mexico is thought to consist of fewer than 2,500 tortoises and experts say threats to the animals are mounting as they are hunted for food and collected as pets**

The tortoises usually spend about 85% of the time in their earthen burrows, which in some cases can be about 20 metres long.

Shawn Sartorius, a field supervisor with the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the results of the breeding and restoration efforts for the slow-reproducing and long-lived animals will not be known in his lifetime.

"What we're doing here is establishing a population here that can be handed off to the next generation," Sartorius said.

It's a step toward one day releasing the tortoise more broadly in the Southwest as conservationists push the federal government to consider a recovery plan for the species.

Now found only in the grasslands of north-central Mexico, the tortoise once had a much larger range that included the southwestern U.S. Fossil records also show it was once present in the southern Great Plains.

The wild population in Mexico is thought to consist of fewer than 2,500 tortoises, and experts say threats to the animals are mounting as they are hunted for food and collected as pets. Their habitat also is shrinking as more desert grasslands are converted to farmland.

Sartorius said managers can't look narrowly at historic range and still keep animals like the tortoise on the planet. The species in question was unknown to science until the late 1950s and has never been extensively studied.

Tortoises in the pen are outfitted with transponders so they can be tracked. Those released Friday hit the ground crawling, wandering through clumps of grass and around desert scrub as a mountain range loomed in the distance.

## THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

# The ingredients and processes used to make paper

Vasudevan Mukunth

**QUESTION 1**

Name the paper-making process in which wood chips are treated with a water, sodium hydroxide, and sodium sulphide mixture at high temperature. Its name comes from the German word for 'strength', referring to the quality of the resulting paper.

**QUESTION 2**

Before wood became the dominant source of the fibres used to make paper, along with industrialisation, the fibres were obtained from used textile materials. Name the three materials of which these fibres were composed.

**QUESTION 3**

This process is used to detach ink from the paper on which it is printed, allowing the paper to be used again. The same process proved revolutionary in mining in the 20th century, when it could be used to extract valuable minerals from sulphide ores. Name the process.

**QUESTION 4**

The 10th century Persian book *Hodud al-Alam* singles out a city, in modern-day Uzbekistan, as a renowned centre for paper-making that also exported large quantities of paper. Other historical records suggest the city retained its reputation for the product for a few centuries. Name the city.

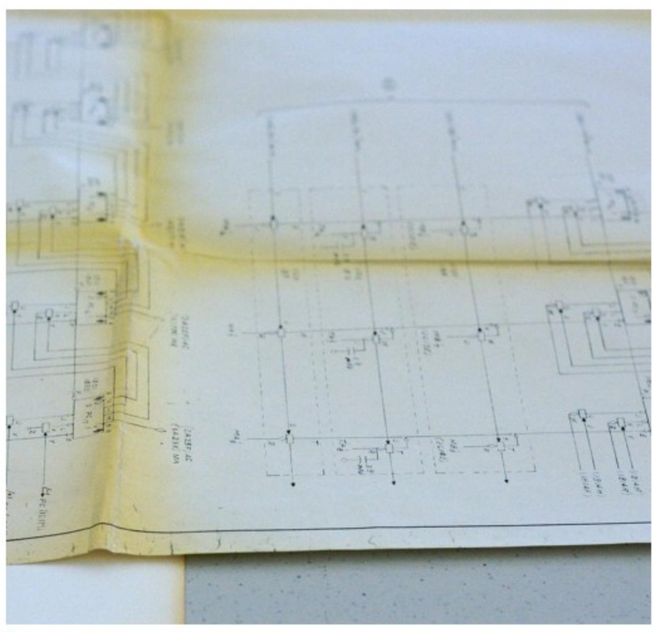
**QUESTION 5**

X was a popular material in ancient times as a writing surface. It was made from the pith of a type of plant called sedges, which in turn used to be found abundantly in the Nile Delta. X was also used to make boats and rope. It was durable in dry weather but was susceptible to mould in wet weather. Name X.

**Answers to September 26 quiz:**

1. Causes of light and dark patterns in a double-slit test – **Ans: Constructive, destructive interference**
2. When wave passes through an aperture of width comparable to wavelength – **Ans: Diffraction**
3. Version of double-slit test using beam-splitters – **Ans: Mach-Zehnder interferometer**
4. Hypothetical setup to test light-sensitive bombs – **Ans: Elitzur-Vaidman bomb tester**
5. QM idea that explains results of double-slit test as an explicit property – Ans: **Relational quantum mechanics**

Visual: **Thomas Young**, conducted first known version of the double-slit test in 1801
First contact: Harsha Makkuva | Prerna Mahour | Manickavasagam K. | Ramchandra Murthy



Visual: Name the type of paper that undergoes this particular form of damage – developing yellow stains – after some time and becomes brittle. MARCIN WICHARY (CC BY 2.0)

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**Khatkar Kalan, SBS Nagar**

**Bhagwant Singh Mann**
**Chief Minister, Punjab**

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**Department of Information & Public Relations, Punjab**

# Metro Mitra app launched; available at Jayanagar station

The Metro Mitra app banner displayed at a metro station.

It's aimed at enhancing first and last-mile connectivity from and to metro stations. This app has been created as part of a collaborative mobility initiative

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

After several days of uncertainty, the Metro Mitra app has finally been introduced in the city and is now accessible at the Jayanagar metro station. Aimed at enhancing first and last-mile connectivity from and to metro stations, the app is a collaborative mobility initiative involving the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) in partnership with the Autorickshaw Drivers Union.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, T.M. Rudramurthy, the general secretary of the Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union of Bengaluru, said, "The official launch of the app commenced at Jayanagar on Wednesday. In the coming days, the app will roll out to all stations on the Green Line, while for the Purple Line, its launch is scheduled after the Baiyappanahalli-K.R. Pura Namma Metro link becomes operational."

**How to use it**

To use the Metro Mitra app, commuters have to book the auto ride while buying a Metro ticket from the BMRCL app or through its WhatsApp chatbot feature. Once s/he enters the destination in the app, an estimated fare shows up. Post booking, the commuter receives a one-time password with other ride details.

The Metro Mitra zone is then assigned to the commuter. The system follows the Open Network for Digital Commerce model. Autos joining Metro Mitra will be required to affix distinct stickers on their vehicles for easy identification, setting them apart from other service autos.

These stickers will feature a QR code, allowing passengers to access driver information and provide feedback on their ride experience. The app had faced a glitch during its beta release in Jayanagar as a faction of the Auto Rickshaw Drivers Union, affiliated with the Centre of Indian Trade Unions, had voiced objections to the union's connection with Metro Mitra.

## Metro services to be curtailed tomorrow

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Namma Metro services will be curtailed on certain sections in view of the statutory safety inspection of the newly constructed extension between Kengeri and Challaghatta stations on Friday by the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (Southern Circle).

Train services will not be available from Kengeri to Mysuru Road metro station for the whole day.

However, train services will be available between Baiyappanahalli and Mysuru Road stations and between Whitefield (Kadugodi) and Krishnarajapura stations.

There are no changes to the train services on the Green Line.

## Two-day Kannada drama festival

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Academy of Music (AoM), Bengaluru, is organising a two-day drama festival titled *Ranga Rangoli* from Thursday.

According to a release, from AoM, on Thursday, Sandhya Kalavidaru will present a Kannada drama titled *Mukhavada*, produced by S.V. Krishna Sharma and directed by Pradeep Anche. The second day's programme on Friday features *Hing Madidre Henge*, a humours play directed by Antaranga Bahiranga, produced by Nagaveni Rangan and directed by Bosch Raghavendra. The two-day event will be held at Chowdiah Memorial Hall.

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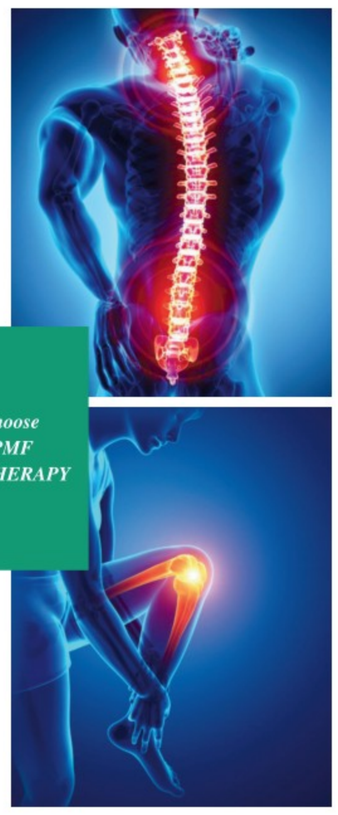


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## NEWS IN NUMBERS

### Premature cancer deaths that were preventable in 2020

**70** in percentage. About 5.3 million premature deaths from cancer globally in 2020 were preventable and 30% were treatable, according to research in the *The Lancet Global Health.* PTI

### The share of elderly in India in the poorest wealth quintile

**40** in percentage. About 18.7% of the elderly in India in the poorest wealth quintile are living without an income, according to the UNFPA's India Ageing Report 2023. This may affect their healthcare utilisation. PTI

### Rise in travel and tourism industry hiring in August

**44** in percentage. The optimistic growth compared to the same month last year, can be attributed to increased disposable incomes and higher spending on leisure in the country, as per a report by Foundit. PTI

### People to be hit by severe drought in Amazon by year-end

**5** in lakh. Many are already struggling to access supplies such as food and water, due to severe drought in the Amazon rainforest. The principal means of transportation in the region is waterways, and river levels are historically low. AP

### Number of European nations accused of climate inaction

**32** Six young activists argued that governments across Europe aren't doing enough to protect people from climate change at the European Court of Human Rights. AP

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# When India-Canada ties were reset

In 2010, then Canada Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologised for the Kanishka bombing which was suspected to have been set off by Khalistani separatists operating from Canadian soil. Former diplomats say 2010 changed India-Canada relations, reversed now after PM Trudeau's allegations

BACKGROUNDER

Suhasini Haidar

**The story so far:**

As ties between India and Canada plummet to their lowest point since the 1980s, former diplomats say that a change in Canadian responses to the Khalistan issue are necessary for any future reset in ties, pointing to the 2010 apology by the then Canadian Prime Minister as an example. Addressing families of the victims of the 1985 Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 which exploded over the Irish coast after a bomb placed in the luggage went off, for which Khalistani separatist operatives were convicted, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he was "sorry" on behalf of the Canadian government.

**The apology**

"Some wounds are too deep to be healed even by the remedy of time," Mr. Harper said at the Air India memorial at Humber Bay Park in Toronto on the 25th anniversary of the terror attack, where he admitted for the first time that the bombing was an "atrocity conceived in Canada, executed in Canada, by Canadian citizens, and its victims were themselves mostly citizens of Canada." Despite 280 of the 329 on board the Kanishka being Canadian citizens, the Prime Minister at the time, Brian Mulroney, had extended condolences to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, leading to criticism from the Indian community in Canada.

Since the attack, India had expressed its outrage over the slow pace of investigations and the trial, which delivered its verdict in the case only in 2005. Therefore, it was particularly significant that Mr. Harper went on to address fellow political leaders saying they must "not to reach out to", but rather "carefully and systematically marginalise those extremists who seek to import the battles of India's past" to Canada.

**In remembrance:** Canada's then Prime Minister Stephen Harper stands at the memorial site for the victims of Air India Flight 182 in Toronto on June 23, 2010. AP

**'Change of heart'**

Three important events led up to what experts referred to as Canada's "change of heart" in 2010. The first was the 9/11 attacks in the U.S. in 2001, after which Canada signed on to a number of terror conventions, abjuring officially a policy of being soft on what it saw as "freedom movements" and allowing those fleeing terror charges from several countries including India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh into Canada. The second was the 26/11 Mumbai attacks in 2008, which hardened India's resolve. The third was Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit for the G-20 summit in Toronto, and a chance to reset ties. No Indian Prime Minister had visited Canada since 1973, mainly due to tensions over the Khalistan issue, and although it was a multilateral summit visit, the bilateral meeting with Mr. Harper saw a number of agreements signed, which many think was only possible due to the apology given by him a few days earlier.

"In the joint statement during Dr. Manmohan Singh's visit in 2010, the very first issue raised was terrorism and the Kanishka bombing. Then came the big breakthrough on civil nuclear cooperation which marked a 180 degree turn in Canada's position on cooperation with India in this sector," said Pankaj Saran, former Deputy National Security Adviser, who served in Prime Minister Singh's office in 2010, and now runs the NatStrat thinktank in Delhi.

The shift, and the subsequent visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015 changed India-Canada cooperation substantially. Trade doubled during the decade from about $5 billion to $10 billion, investment from Canada shot up from $700 million to more than $55 billion, and the two sides set up working groups on countering terrorism, improving strategy, energy ties, nuclear fuel MoUs and a number of other areas. However, diplomats say that after the election of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party, and his dependence on the New Democratic Party led by Jagmeet Singh for his minority government, has meant that the Trudeau government doesn't share the previous government's avowal of ties with Khalistan separatists.

**Reasons for tensions**

"Canada and India should have enjoyed the closest of ties. Yet that is not to be. The Khalistani issue continues to bedevil the relationship, with certain political parties especially the Liberals prioritising their engagement with them over ties with India, as they control a few parliamentary constituencies and allegedly extend material and financial support to the latter parties," former High Commissioner to Ottawa Vishnu Prakash told *The Hindu*.

Some, like former Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao said the situation is hard to repair as the "Canadian record of tolerating the most egregious, criminal activity by some extremist members of the Sikh community" has continued despite denials by "successive Canadian governments." Actions like the posters targeting Indian diplomats, holding a referendum for the Sikh diaspora, and the tableau glorifying Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination and even feting the Air India 182 bombing masterminds have added to the tensions. When asked, Mr. Trudeau has denied supporting hate speech, but said that they will protect "freedom of speech" in the country.

"This kind of allegation, that India has assassinated a Canadian in Canada has never been made before. Mr. Trudeau has gone too far – and given that he started the row, he will have to find a way to end this," said a former diplomat who served during the Harper era and was witness to the apology. The ties now, in contrast, have hit what he calls "rock bottom."

### THE GIST

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# Why are tigers dying in Nilgiris district?

How many tigers have died? Did they all die of natural causes? Are deaths due to poachers still a common occurrence? What are the measures being taken by officials?

Rohan D. Premkumar

**The story so far:**

A total of 10 tigers (six cubs and four adults) have died in the Nilgiris since the middle of August. The six tiger cubs died in two separate incidents, while the four adult tigers died in four separate events, with at least one suspected to have been poisoned. The inability of the state forest department to trace the whereabouts of the two mother tigresses has raised concerns among conservationists about the welfare of the animals.

**How did the tigers die?**

The first reported tiger deaths occurred on August 16 in the buffer zone of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) in Siriyur. After conducting a postmortem on the remains, forest department officials said that they suspect that the cubs, believed to be only two weeks old, could have died due to starvation or umbilical infection. The second death was of an adult tigress in the Naduvattam Range in the Nilgiris forest division on August 17, with officials suspecting that the tigress died due to injuries after fighting with another animal. Another suspected incident of fighting is believed to have caused the death of the fourth tiger, the second adult, in the Kargudi forest range of MTR on August 31. On September 9, two more tigers were found dead in Udhagai South Range near Avalanche in the Nilgiris Forest Division. One of the tigers, a sub-adult, was found with injury marks, indicating that it too died due to a fight with another animal. However, the larger male, found dead nearby, had no apparent injuries. A search of the area led forest department staff to the carcass of a cow that had been preyed upon by the larger tiger. After an investigation, a man was arrested for poisoning the carcass of the cow in retaliation for the tiger hunting the animal. In a final incident, on September 17, four tiger cubs were found dead over the course of three days in Kadanad in the Nilgiris North Range.

**Why are conservationists concerned?**

In February this year, the forest department arrested four poachers from Rajasthan who had allegedly poached a tiger in the areas surrounding Emerald Dam near Avalanche, a few kilometres away from where the two tigers were found dead. In addition, the inability of the forest department to track down the two mothers of the six tiger cubs that died in Siriyur and Kadanad has raised concerns over their well-being. Camera traps and tiger trackers continue to look for the animals, but with little luck.

**What are the reasons for the deaths?**

One of the theories put forward by senior forest department officials is that the high density of tigers in the Mudumalai-Bandipur-Nagarhole complex of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve is pushing populations into the surrounding habitats in the Mukurthi National Park, Nilgiris and Gudalur forest divisions. This leads to increased competition between animals and more fighting, resulting in more deaths. According to Nilgiris Division's District Forest Officer, S. Gowtham, the division is now home to 54 tigers, a significant population. In fact, tigers have been frequently recorded in the outskirts of the Udhagamandalam town multiple times over the last few years.

Conservationists worry that this increase in population could lead to more negative human-animal interactions in the near future. They emphasise the need to regenerate degraded habitats that can be re-colonised by the tigers' prey such as Sambar, spotted deer and the Indian gaur.

**How are officials responding?**

To allay fears that poachers could be targeting tigers, the forest department plans to set up anti-poaching camps in six forest ranges surrounding the Mukurthi National Park. There are also plans to begin annual monitoring of tiger populations in the Nilgiris Forest Division, with the population size, range of each individual animal and other parameters to be recorded for better management. They have also increased perambulation of areas surrounding key tiger habitats in Mukurthi and Mudumalai.

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## KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

### TENDER NOTIFICATION
(through Karnataka public procurement portal)

**Name of work: Appointment of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the construction of Post Matric Boys / Girl's / Women's hostel buildings at various districts under Deposit Contribution works.**

**Notification No.: 1.** No: KHB/CE/PMC/Hostel/Package-VII/NIT No.KHB/2023-24/SE0006, Date: 25.09.2023. **2.** No:KHB/CE/PMC/Hostel/Package-IX/NIT No.KHB/2023-24/SE0007 , Date: 25.09.2023.

**Last date for submission of bid 09.10.2023 upto 4.00 p.m.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No. 080-2227 3511 / 080-2210 0077. website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Zilla Panchayat, Davanagere
**Office of The District Minorities Welfare Department, 2nd Floor, District Administration Bhavan, Davanagere.**
No.: D.M.W.D./D/Food Supply/CR-02/23-24 Date: 22.09.2023

### e-Tender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement in two cover system for supply of Food Items and other Materials to Post-Matric Student Hostels/Working Women's Hostel/A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Residential Schools/Morarji Desai Residential Schools/ Colleges of District Minorities Welfare Department coming in the limits of Davanagere District for the academic year 2023-24. Details of the Tender: (1) Approx. amount put to Tender: Rs. 3,10,00,000/- (2) Commencement date for uploading the Tender Form: 22.09.2023 (3) Date of pre-bid meeting with probable Bidders in the Tender Process: 04.10.2023. 11.00 AM (4) last date for uploading the Tender Form: 21.10.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs. (5) Date of opening Technical Cover: 26.10.2023 at 11.00 Hrs. Place: District Minorities Welfare Department, District Administration Bhavan, Room No. 44, Karur Industrial Area Zone, Davanagere-06. (6) Date, time and place of opening the Financial Cover: Will be informed later to forms successful in the Technical Bid. District Minorities Welfare Department, District Administration Bhavan, Room No. 44, Karur Industrial Area Zone, Davanagere-06. (7) E.M.D. to be paid with the Tender: Rs. 4,65,000/-

For further information the above office can be contacted.

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/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2023–24 Welfare Department, Davanagere.

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FILE NO : P&P/MECH WORKS-NARMETTA/664/23-24 Dt:27.09.2023

### E TENDER NOTICE

TSOILFED, Hyderabad invites e-Tender from Potential and Reputed Manufactures/ Suppliers/ Contractors for **"Design, Supply, Fabrication, Erection & Commissioning of 30 TPH Expandable to 120 TPH Palm Oil Mill and Palm Kernel Oil Mill with 4.0MW Captive Power Generation on Turnkey Basis"** at Oil Palm Complex, Narmetta (Village), Nangnoor (Mandal), Siddipet District, Telangana State, India. **NOTE: (1)** Publish of e-Tender on **28.09.2023 at 5:00 PM,** Pre bid meeting **12.10.2023 at 3:00 PM** and Last Date & Time for uploading e tender was upto **23.10.2023 till 3:00 PM. (2)** All Details related Tender will be available in e-Tender website : **https://tender.telangana.gov.in** **Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR**

## UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD
Office of the Registrar,Krishinagar, Dharwad-5

No.R/Rectt/**Advt.62**/2023 Date: **26.9.2023**

### SHORT NOTIFICATION

Sub: Recruitment to the posts of various posts under Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad.
Ref: University Notification No.R/Rectt/Advt.62/2023, dated 26.9.2023.

Applications are invited in the prescribed form for filling up the posts of **Subject Matter Specialists in various disciplines, Programme Assistant (Computer), Programme Assistant (Lab Technician), Stenographer(Grade-III) and Driver (T-1)** – (Under Krishi Vigyan Kendras) from the candidates who are qualified as on the last date fixed for receipt of filled in applications in the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. The candidates who are interested to make application to the said posts may visit the Official website (http://www.uasd.edu) of UAS, Dharwad for all further details including that of prescribed pay-scale, qualifications, reservation, service conditions, age limit, application fee, etc. **The last date prescribed for submitting the filled-in application is on or before 5.00 pm on 25.10.2023.**

**BY ORDER,** **Sd- REGISTRAR**
DIPR/Dwd/320/2023-24/DeshpandePublicity

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No. EE(MSP)/YTPS/23-24/106 Date: 25.09.2023

### BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

RPCL, invites bids from reputed agencies for the following E-tenders for YTPS through e-Procurement **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Brief Details of Goods:** Procurement of **1) KPCL/2023-24/IND0332/CALL-3/25.09.2023** HDPE Pipes and Fitting for BOP System. **2) KPCL/2023-24/IND0495/25.09.2023** Filter Element for Mill lube oil system. **3) KPCL/2023-24/IND0456/CALL-2/23.09.2023** Insulation Rockwool Mattresses. **4) KPCL/2023-24/IND0494/23.09.2023** Vane wheel segments. **5) KPCL/2023-24/IND0497/23.09.2023** Caustic soda lye. **6) KPCL/2023-24/IND0350/CALL-3/20.09.2023** Carten steel plate. **7) KPCL/2023-24/IND0478/19.09.2023** SFU, MCB, MCCB and MPCB. **8) KPCL/2023-24/IND0061/CALL-3/14.09.2023** Expansion joints and bellows for CWP discharge. Last date for submission of bid: For Sl. No. 1 & 4: **11.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2, 5 & 6: **05.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs**. For Sl. No. 3: **30.09.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 7: **10.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 8: **04.10.2023, 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP),** RPCL, YTPS, Yeramarus-584134, Raichur (D). Mobile: 94806 82892. E-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com Website: www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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EOI NOTIFICATION NO: 1116917/DMA/TECH/INDC (OTH)/1/2023 Date: 27/09/2023

### EOI NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Karnataka, The Superintending Engineer, Directorate of Municipal Administration, invites EOI for the following work.

**1) Description of work:** Invitation for Expression of Interest for preparation of structural design and estimates including rate analysis for the Construction of Indira Canteen (Pre-cast type) and Indira Canteen cum Kitchen (Pre-cast type) in various City Corporations (excluding BBMP) and Urban Local Bodies in Karnataka

Last Date for receipt of EoI Proposals: **07/10/2023**

Note: For any additional information and clarifications, may be contact Superintending Engineer, 10th floor DMA, V.V Towers, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi Bangalore-01 during the office hours. Contact Number: 080-22861611 E-mail address: **sedmatech@gmail.com**

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bangalore**
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## KARNATAKA VETERINARY ANIMAL AND FISHERIES SCIENCES UNIVERSITY, NANDINAGAR, P.B. NO. 6, BIDAR - 585401,
OFFICE OF THE Estate Branch, Tele Fax:08482-245445, 245446,
Email :eokvafsu@gmail.com

No:EO/KVAFSU(B)/T.No-116/Outsource/2023-24/ Date: 25.09.2023

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

1) Works/ Goods / Services details : Work list enclosed, 2) Works/Goods/Services estimated Amount : As mentioned e-portal, 3) Contractors eligibility details : As mentioned e-portal, 4) Works/ Goods / Services Tender Amount Details : As mentioned e-portal, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting at Office of the Estate Officer, Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Nandinagar, Bidar-585226 on 11.00 Am : 30.09.2023 at 11.00 AM, 6) Last date for obtaining blank tender forms : 10.10.2023 up to 5.00 PM, 7) Cost of Tender form and EMD details : As mentioned e-portal, 8) Last Date for submitting application : 10.10.2023 up to 5.00 PM, 9) Opening of Technical bid :12.10.2023 at 11.30 AM, 10) Verification of uploaded tender documents with originals, Bidder has to personality come with original tender documents for verification and also submit one set of notarized copies of the same to Estate Branch, Karnantaka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Science University, Nandinagar, Bidar-585226 (Next working day, in case it is declared as holiday). Failing to do this, the firm will be rejected (at 10.00 AM) : 13.10.2023 at 10.00 AM, 11) Opening of Financial Bid : 18.10.2023 at 11.30 AM, 12) For more details contact office address, contract No : Office of the Estate Officer, KVAFSU, Nandinagar, Bidar 08482-245446, 13) Website details : e-procurement portal KPP Portal (2nd Version)

DIPR/Bidar/82/KSMCA/2023-24 **Sd/- Estate Officer KVAFSU, Bidar**

## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2C
**Tender Notice No. 28/2023 Dated: 25-09-2023**
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender for the following works:

| Sl. | Description in Brief | Qty. | Tender No. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and prove out of the Machine, Electric driven, rotary screw, air-cooled, microprocessor based stationary air compressor of 500 CFM,10.0-10.5 Kg/Cm2. | 01 Set | L8236371 |
| 2 | Traction Motor with Pinion of make Alstom for 3-Phase MEMU (MRVC2) with Alstom ( erstwhile Bombardier) propulsion system. Alstom Part No. 3EJD000001-1504. | 02 Nos | L8235905A |
| 3 | Trasformer oil filtration plant of capacity 5000 LPH. | 01 No | L8236049A |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 13-10-2023 for Sl. No. 1., 12-10-2023 for Sl. No.2 & 18-10-2023 for Sl. No.3.**

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**Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.**
**Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044,**

No:KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/TND/POW works/2023-24/962 Date: 25.09.2023

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurment only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites tender on **Percentage basis** in Two cover system in **KW-3** documents from **Super Grade Electrical registered contractor** for the work **Supplying and Laying of 1C x 630 Sq.mm XLPE, FRLS, PVC Round Armored High Tension UG Cable of 11KV at ALBC Headwork. (Indent No. KBJNL/ 2023-24/ UC/WORK_INDENT22)**. Approx. amount put to tender: **Rs. 57.21 lakhs**.

The contractor can have access and submission of completed e-tender document of from **27-09-2023 to 07-10-2023** up to 5.00 pm. The Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **09-10-2023** at 11.00 AM. The Cover –II (Financial bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **12-10-2023** at 11.00 AM

**The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from** http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam **and** www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti**
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
## Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
**Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Karwar. Po:Habbuwada, Karwar, Uttara Kannada Dist-581 306. Phone: 08382-229735 E-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com**

NO.: EE/RDWSD/KWR/JJM/2023-24/1285 DATE: 25.09.2023

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Karwar invites on behalf of Governor of Karnataka request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the work detailed in the table below. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP Act and Standard Tender Document KW-IV shall be followed. The tenders are required to submit through E-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **26.09.2023 to 03.10.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **30.09.2023 Time: 11.30 Hrs.** (3) Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (4) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **03.10.2023 Time: 16.30 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **04.10.2023 Time: 17:00 Hrs.** (6) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid:

**Name of the work:** (1) INDENT2428

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned (Phone: **08382-229735 E mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com** and also through website **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/234/23-24 dt.26.09.2023 ***Sd/-* Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Karwar, Uttara Kannada District**

## PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.Gopala Krishna Challa S/o. Mr.Srinivasa Rao Challa** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mrs.S.Santhi W/o.Sri.R.Subhash Kumar** and **Mrs.Priyatharshini .R D/o.Mr. Ramasamy** ; any person/s, Company, Financial Institutions, Bank etc objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
All that piece and parcel of Vacant **Site No.37**, Katha No.934/1420, formed in Property No.5, Situated at **Anagalpura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk**, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring **2400 Square Feet** and bounded on the;
**East by- Private Property West By- 30 feet wide road, North by- Site No.38, South By-Site No.36**

**C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES**
**Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN** M.A., L.L.B.
**Advocates & Legal Consultants**
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 9108784843

## KARNATAKA SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
**(Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)**
**"Kaushalya Bhavan" 3rd Floor, Near Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029, Phone: 080-29522222/29550555**
**E-mail: sankalp_portal@kaushalkar.com**

No.KSDC/CMKKY/ILC/CR-47/2023-24 Date: 26.09.2023

### Expression of Interest (EOI)

KSDC invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible and interested applicants / Industries to partner in Training and Placement under the Industry Linkage Cell of the CMKKY scheme for the financial year 2023-24 in the state of Karnataka. Last date for submission of proposal is 16.10.2023 at 16.00 Hrs. Interested and eligible applicants / industries may submit their proposals to the Managing Director, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, 3rd Floor, Kaushalya Bhavan, Near Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560029. For details or clarification visit www.kaushalkar.com or email at eoi_rfp@kaushalkar.com

DIPR/CP/1444/AKAR/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Director-2 KSDC, Bengaluru.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the notice of the general public that my client **Mrs Geeta Agasimani & Mrs Soumya Senthil** is purchasing the schedule mentioned property from the owner **Mr. Punithavannan.S & Mrs Revathi.R**, any person having objection in the said transaction may file objection before the undersigned advocate **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice failing which the transaction shall be completed.

**SCHEDULE**
1) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No 12, Category: MIG, Block No.4, Suryanagara 3rd Phase, developed by the Karnataka Housing Board Situated, at Jigala Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West : 9.00 Meters and North to South 15.00 Meters in all measuring 135.00 Sq. Meters., and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** Site No.13/ B4/MIG, **West by:** Site No.11/B4/MIG, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 20/B4/LIG.
2) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No 13, Category: MIG, Block No.4, Suryanagara 3rd Phase, developed by the Karnataka Housing Board Situated, at Jigala Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West : 9.00 Meters and North to South 15.00 Meters in all measuring 135.00 Sq. Meters., and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** Site No.14/ B4/MIG, **West by:** Site No.12/B4/MIG, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 19/B4/LIG.

**R. HARISH KUMAR**, Advocate,
No 218, 3rd floor, 9th Main, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560-102.
Mob: 9845296123 / 7204425557

## PUBLIC NOTICE
The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners **(1) Sri. R.Pradeep,** son of Sri. V. Raghu, residing at No.1, Ramachandrapura, Bus Root 269, Last Stop, Jalahalli Post, Bengaluru-560013 and **(2) Sri. Narayanaswamy G.A.,** son of Sri. Akkalappa, residing at Gowdanahalli Village, Bashettahalli Hobli, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura District, they having acquired title to the same under a Sale deed dated 26.10.2018 registered as Document No.DNH-1-06562-2018-19, Book-I, stored in C.D. No.DNHD679, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli.

All persons/ banks/ companies/ firms/ financial institutions having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of dry agricultural land bearing **Survey No.31/2,** measuring **1 acre 04 guntas** situated in **Hosahalli Village,** Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded as follows:
On the East by : Land belonging to Pillabachappa
On the West by : Land belonging to Umesh
On the North by : Land belonging to Lakshmamma
On the South by : K.S. Road

**Vivek Anand Anthony Britto**
**Vir Anthony Britto**
**Advocates**
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 27.09.2023

e-mail: eerwsskld@gmail.com ; eerwss_kld@nic.in, Phone No: 06670-230784
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, KALAHANDI RWS&S DIVISION, BHAWANIPATNA
**INVITATION OF BID THROUGH e -TENDERING**
**Bid Identification No-34/SE/RWSS/2023-24/Bpt Dated.26.09.2023**

**01. Name of the work :- As per ANNEXURE - A**

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only | | Date of Opening (Technical Bid) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | From | To | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna | 34/SE/RWSS/ 2023-24/Bpt Dated- 26.09.2023 | 05.10.2023 10.00 AM | 26.10.2023 05.30 PM | 27.10.2023 10.00 AM onwards |

**Cost of tender paper to be made online payment system.**
**Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal http://tenderodisha.gov.in**
**The original documents should be scanned and uploaded.**

**Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna**
O-1128: OIPR-25005/11/0009/2324

**P. W. Division No. 1 Nagpur**
**INVITATION FOR TENDERS**
e-mail div1nagpur.ee@mahapwd.com
**E-Tender Notice No 26/2023-24**

Online tenders in **B-2 Form** ( {Item rate) are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No.1, Nagpur for the following work from P.W.D. Registered Contractor. The name of work, estimated cost, time limit for completion etc. are as under.

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Estimated cost (Rs. In lakh) | Cost of Blank Tender Form | Time limit in Tender (Calendar Months) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Construction of Cement Concrete road from Shatabdi Chowk to Manishnagar Chowk in Nagpur City Under CRIF Scheme 2022-23 | 1988.35 | 3540/- | 18(Eighteen Month) |
| 2 | Construction of Cement Concrete road on Manewada Chowk to Besa road 2.00 km Distt. Nagpur. (2nd Call) | 1638.45 | 3540/- | 18(Eighteen Month) |

1. Detailed tender notice can be seen b website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**. **https://mahapwd.gov.in**
2. Detailed tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the undersigned.
3. Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
4. In this Tender Notice, Tender downloading, Tender opening etc information available on web site.
5. The bidder shall submit the hard copy of tender document (Technical and financial Envelope) in sealed envelope within 3 days from last date of submission at the office of tender opening authority.

***Sd/-***
**Executive Engineer**
**DGIPR/2023-2024/3824** **P. W. Division No. 1 Nagpur**

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF THE 26TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20) O.S. NO. 25444/2023**

**Between**
**ICICI Bank Limited,**
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/ 10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068.
Represented by its Relationship Manager and POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh
**...Plaintiff**

**AND**
**Mrs. S. Apsar Jahana**
**...Defendant**

**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT**
**To,**
**Mrs. S. Apsar Jahana,**
D/o. Mr. Saleem Basha Shaik, Aged about 31 years, Flat No.1002, Block A, Tower 3, Adarshpalm Retreat, RMZ Eco World, Bangalore- 560103

**WHEREAS** the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 9,25,806/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Six Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH- 20)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **12/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** Failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex- parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **15/09/2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

**IN THE COURT OF THE 26TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20) O.S. NO. 25356/2023**

**Between**
**ICICI Bank Limited,**
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/ 10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068.
Represented by its POA Holder Ms. Mansi Singh
**...Plaintiff**

**AND**
**Sri Srinivas BR**
**...Defendant**

**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT**
**To,**
**Sri Srinivas BR**
S/o. Sri Bagennahalli Kalaia Ramanna, Aged about 45 years, Kunigal Taluka, Kothgire, Hubbali, Tumkur- 572 117

**WHEREAS** the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.6,16,418/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH- 20)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **26/10/2023** at **11:00 a.m.** Failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex- parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **16/09/2023.**

**BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT**
**DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**
**CITY CIVIL COURT,**
**MAYOHALL UNIT,**
**BANGALORE.**
**ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF**
**S A Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047**

### PERSONAL

#### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, DEVARAJA** Linge Gowda, R/a No.182, 2nd Cross, Vidyamanyanagar, Andrahalli, Bangalore-560091 have changed my name to Devaraju Linge Gowda vide affidavit dt: 27.09.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'luru

**I, MIZBA** Rehan Sait, R/a No F-1, 1st Floor, Canterbury Apt, Norris Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560025 have changed my name to Misbah Rehan Sait vide affidavit dt: 27.09.2023 sworn before Notary Smt.A.Manjula, B'luru.

**I, Harsha** S/o Vasudeva Shettigara, residing at Kotehaklu, Vakwadi, Kundapura, Taluku,Vakwadi, Udupi, Karnataka - 576257, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harsha Shettigar.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, BANGALORE (CCH 22)**
**O.S. No. 25108/2023**

**BETWEEN :**
**M/S. ICICI BANK LIMITED**
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramod G.
Aged about 48 years
S/o Mr. Gurumallappa
**...PLAINTIFF**

**MR. MOHAMMED NISHAMAL,** S/o Nishad, Aged about 26 Years, No. 68, 3rd Floor, M.M. Road, Frazer Town, Behind Rahams Hotel Bengaluru-560005
**...DEFENDANT**

**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT**
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,90,616.19 (Rupees Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and Paisa Nineteen Only)** apart from future interest of 8 %, in **O.S. No. 25108/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 22**, Before**13th** Addl. City Civil and Session Judge Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **8th** day of **November, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **16th** day of **September, 2023.**

**By the order of court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court,**
**Mayohall,**
**BENGALURU- 560 001.**
**FX & CO.,**
**ADVOCATES,**
**New No. 9, Old No. 11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU- 560 005.**

### PERSONAL

#### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Ajay** R alias Ajay Ravi Shankar alias Ajay Ravishankar S/o Ravi Shankar Chakravarthy Sulochana, residing at 1396, Main Road, Magadi Town, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562120, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ajay Ravishankar.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE COURT OF 74th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH 75)**
**O.S. No. 26812/2022**

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mythree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its Collection Manager and POA Holder Sri Pramodh Gurumallappa B.
**...PLAINTIFF**

**AND :**
Mr. Mohammed Nasrulla
**...DEFENDANT**

**SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT**
**To,**
**Mr. Mohammed Nasrulla,**
S/o. Mr. Mohammed Hafizulla, Aged about 28 years, No. 686A, 6th Cross, Rehamaniya Street, CH Mohalla, Mysore- 570 004

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.12,27,068/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand and Sixty Eight Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble **74th** Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge **(CCH - 75)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **31-10-2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **21-09-2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
**DEPUTY REGISTRAR,**
**CITY CIVIL COURT,**
**MAYOHALL,UNIT**
**BENGALORE**
**ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF**
**S A Associates,**
**No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047**

# Dharwad hospital tops in linking highest number of health records

The State also is on top with 46,917 verified health facilities registered in its Health Facility Registry

**Afshan Yasmeen**
BENGALURU

Karnataka Health Commissioner Randeep D. receiving 'Ayushman Utkrishtata' awards at Arogya Manthan held in New Delhi.

Even as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) completes two years of its existence, the Dharwad District Hospital in Karnataka, has been recognised as the facility for linking the highest number of health records of patients to their Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHAs) in the country in the last one year (from October 2022 to September 2023).

Karnataka, which has so far linked personal health records of over 91.87 lakh patients with their ABHAs, has so far created 2.52 crore ABHAs.

With this, Karnataka is now in the seventh position in terms of ABHAs created in the country. Of the total 45.96 crore ABHAs created in the country, Uttar Pradesh is the highest contributor with 4.83 crore as of Wednesday.

The State also continues to top the country with 46,917 verified health facilities registered in its Health Facility Registry (HFR). Likewise, with 40,374 verified healthcare professionals in its Health Professionals Registry (HPR), the State is in the second position after Uttar Pradesh that has 42,829 verified health professionals in its HPR, according to the ABDM dashboard launched by the National Health Authority (NHA).

**Scan and Share**

Karnataka is also in the second position in the country in the 'Scan and Share' category, wherein a QR code-based Fast Track Queue System for patient registration is being followed.

This facility, which is being used in 241 hospitals - including 27 private facilities across the State - has so far benefitted nearly 18 lakh patients coming to the Out Patient Department (OPD) to share their demographic and personal details with the hospital just by scanning the code.

This has helped reduce long queues.

Of the total 92.23 lakh tokens issued in the country, Uttar Pradesh is the highest contributor with 34.4 lakh. Karnataka follows with 17.66 lakh tokens issued.

Although the system was first introduced in C.V. Raman General hospital in the State, K.C. General hospital is now topping the list for issuing the highest number of tokens (93,377) so far. In November last year, C.V. Raman General hospital was the second government hospital in India, after the Centre-run Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) in Delhi to introduce the system.

While Jayanagar General hospital follows K.C. General with 88,777 tokens issued under the 'Scan and Share' facility, C.V. Raman is in the third position with 74,762 tokens issued to date.

**Ayushman Utkrishtata**

In recognition of its performance, Karnataka ABDM has bagged "Ayushman Utkrishtata" awards presented during the two-day Arogya Manthan in New Delhi on September 25.

State Health Commissioner Randeep, who is also the State Mission Director for ABDM, said the awards celebrate excellence in healthcare and Karnataka's achievements in two significant categories.

"This reflects the State's unwavering commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and quality," he said.

# Row over shifting of medical college from Ramanagara takes legal turn; PIL plea filed

**Jayanth R.**
BENGALURU

**Ramanagara MLA has organised a 'bhoomi puja' programme of RGUHS campus today**

The proposal to shift the Kengal Hanumanthaiah Medical College from the proposed Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Science (RGUHS) campus, Ramanagara to Kanakapura has taken a legal turn with the Kengal Hanumanthaiah Medical College Horata Samiti, and farmers who lost their land for the university campus filing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Court of Karnataka. The PIL is yet to appear for hearing.

Amidst all these developments, Iqbal Hussain, MLA of Ramanagara constituency, has organised a *bhoomi puja* programme of the RGUHS campus on September 28 and invited Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil, and other elected representatives for it. This is the fifth *bhoomi pooja* programme for the RGUHS campus construction work since 2007.

However, RGUHS has denied involvement. "Officially, we are not organising any *bhoomi pooja* programme for the construction work at the proposed campus of Ramanagara. We don't know anything about the programme organized by the local MLA," M.K. Ramesh, Vice Chancellor of RGUHS, clarified to *The Hindu*.

During the JDS-BJP alliance government in 2006-07, it was decided to shift the RGUHS campus to Ramanagara. The government was planning to establish a 'health city' along with the university campus on 215 acres of land.

**Previous government**

The BJP government gave the administrative approval to the project at an estimated cost of ₹600 crore in November 2022 and laid the foundation stone on March 28, 2023.

But the new Congress government announced a government medical college for Kanakapura in the budget. Instead of sanctioning a new college to Kanakapura, the government decided to shift the proposed medical college to be constructed on RGUHS campus at Ramanagara in Kanakapura instead.

After this, there was outrage against the State government's decision from sections that include former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, and other elected representatives from Ramanagara, and a Ramanagara bandh was successfully conducted on September 8.

**Points of view**

Shivalingaiah, one of the PIL petitioners and the president of the Horata Samiti said, "Deputy Chief Minster D.K. Shivakumar and his brother D.K. Suresh, Member of Parliament (MP) are behind this medical college shifting conspiracy. The sanctioned medical college in the proposed RGUHS campus at Ramanagara should be established there only."

A farmer who chose to be anonymous added, "We had given our agricultural land for the proposed RGUHS campus and health city. But now there are rumours that the government is planning to shift the super speciality hospital, dental, pharmacy, nursing colleges along with medical college from the RGUHS campus Ramanagara to Kanakapura. The government should establish all these colleges in the Ramanagara campus. Otherwise, we have asked in the PIL that the government should return our land."

Iqubal Hussain, MLA of Ramanagara constituency defended his move: "During the assembly election time, the BJP government laid the foundation for the construction of RGUHS campus in Ramanagara. But the work has not started. We conducted a meeting with the contractor and officials and instructed them to start the work. So, the bhoomi pooja programme will be held on Thursday and then the construction work will be started. All the proposed buildings will be established in this campus only. There is no confusion."

Sources pointed out that any move to shift the college will have to happen after amending the RGUHS Act.

# HDK warns of 'Singur model' protest, urging govt. to return excess land acquired for BMIC

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Cabinet approved 20,000 acres for the Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor project in 1997 as per the framework agreement, but 11,000 acres were acquired in excess, JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy has said .

Urging the State government to return 11,000 acres of excess land acquired from farmers for Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said that West Bengal's "Singur model of protest" will be launched here.

He also alleged that *benami* land deals have taken place and land that has been notified has been "looted from farmers".

"There is no legal bar on the government to recover excess land. The Cabinet approved 20,000 acres in 1997 as per the framework agreement, but 11,000 acres were acquired in excess. More land has been acquired near Bengaluru than required," he said in his address at a round table conference on the land acquisition for BMICP, organised here by Karnataka Prantha Raitha Sangha. "Notices are being issued now by the KIADB for acquisition near Bengaluru. Land is being acquired outside the project area too," he added.

Extending support to the farmers protesting against the project, he said, "The protest should be apolitical. If Government does not return the excess land, let us start protest on the lines of farmers protest in Singur. The Supreme Court has ordered return of land in case the project is not started."

He said, that there was need for an expressway to Mysuru when the Centre has constructed a six-lane expressway to Mysuru.

# Doddaballapur incident; 23 cow vigilantes arrested

**The Hindu Bureau**
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The Doddaballapur police have arrested 23 people who are members of a pro-Hindutva outfit and registered six cases against social media groups who circulated videos of the attack and arson to communalise the incident of an attack on people allegedly transporting beef in six vehicles from Hindupur to Bengaluru in the early hours of Sunday.

According to the police, the accused, representing Sri Rama Sene and other pro-Hindutva outfits, intercepted the vehicle at Doddaballapur IB circle, assaulted the drivers and paraded them with the meat on their heads. The accused dumped the meat on the road and protested, accusing the police and local administration of allowing beef smuggling. The accused also set fire to one of the cars, creating a tense situation. While the police rushed to the spot and struggled hard to contain the situation, the accused recorded the video of the incident and started circulating it on their social media groups and accounts to communalise the incident, said the police. The police had to call additional deployment to contain the situation and later arrested the accused for dacoity, assault using dangerous weapons, arson, rioting, and unlawful assembly, among other sections under IPC

Seven men, including drivers of the vehicles, were booked under the anti-cow slaughter law, a senior officer said.

The police suspect that there are more people involved in the incident, and efforts are on to track them. The accused had allegedly patrolled the highway, blocked the vehicles, and harassed the motorists on the pretext of checking the vehicles illegally.

# Four killed in road accident near Bellur Cross on Bengaluru-Mangaluru highway

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

**Car crashed into a KSRTC bus that had halted near Adichunchanagiri hospital; all four persons in the car died on the spot**

Four persons were killed in a road mishap near Bellur Cross on Bengaluru-Mangaluru highway when a speeding car crashed into a KSRTC bus.

The police said the KSRTC bus proceeding from Hassan to Tirupati had halted near the Adichunchanagiri hospital at Bellur Cross in Nagamangala around 7.45 a.m. on Wednesday when a car proceeding to Bengaluru crashed into the bus from behind. All four persons in the car, three men and one women, all in their late twenties, died on the spot due to the impact of the crash.

Their bodies had to be extricated from the mangled remains of the car.

The police described the deceased as IT professionals working in well-known companies in Bengaluru.

The names of the victims are Namitha, a resident of Bengaluru, Pankaj Sharma, a native of Rajasthan who was working in Bengaluru, Raghunath Bhajantri, who hailed from Dharwad, and Vanshi Krishna from Bengaluru.

Superintendent of Mandya district police Yathish N. visited the accident spot and conducted an inspection.

**Timings**
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| **THURSDAY, SEP. 28** | | |
| RISE | 06:09 | SET 18:12 |
| RISE | 17:34 | SET 04:52 |
| **FRIDAY, SEP. 29** | | |
| RISE | 06:09 | SET 18:11 |
| RISE | 18:17 | SET 05:51 |
| **SATURDAY, SEP. 30** | | |
| RISE | 06:09 | SET 18:10 |
| RISE | 19:01 | SET 06:48 |

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| Mysuru | 32 | 22 |
| Bengaluru | 29 | 21 |

**Bengaluru Today**
**29°C** Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**30°C** The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

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# IISc researchers develop power switch to replace traditional silicon-based transistors

**The Hindu Bureau**
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Two-inch GaN-on-silicon wafer with power transistors, developed at CeNSE, IISc.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers have developed a fully indigenous gallium nitride (GaN) power switch that can have potential applications in systems like power converters for electric vehicles, laptops, and wireless communications.

The entire process of building the switch - from material growth to device fabrication to packaging - was developed in-house at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), IISc.

According to IISc, due to their high performance and efficiency, GaN transistors are poised to replace traditional silicon-based transistors as the building blocks in many electronic devices, such as ultrafast chargers for electric vehicles, phones, and laptops, as well as space, and military applications such as radar.

**Disruptive technology**

"It is a very promising and disruptive technology. But the materials and devices are heavily import-restricted. We don't have gallium nitride wafer production capability at commercial scale in India yet. The know-how of manufacturing these devices is also a heavily-guarded secret with few studies published on the details of the processes involved," said Digbijoy Nath, associate professor at CeNSE.

Power switches are used to control the flow of power to - essentially turn on or off - electronic devices.

To design the GaN power switch, the IISc team used a metal-organic chemical vapour deposition technique developed and optimised over a decade by researchers in the lab of Prof. Srinivasan Raghavan, chair, CeNSE.

It involves growing GaN alloy crystals layer by layer on a two-inch silicon wafer to fabricate a multi-layered transistor.

The entire process needs to be carried out carefully in a clean room to ensure that no defects arise due to environmental conditions like humidity or temperature, which can affect device performance.

The team also took the help of Kaushik Basu, associate professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE), and his lab, to build an electrical circuit using these transistors, and test their switching performance.

GaN transistors typically operate in what is called a depletion mode - they are on all the time unless a negative voltage is applied to turn them off.

But power switches used in chargers and adapters need to work the other way around - they normally need to be off and not carrying current, and should only turn on when a positive voltage is applied ("enhancement mode").

To achieve this operation, the team combined the GaN transistor with a commercially available silicon transistor to keep the device normally off.

**Scaling up**

Going forward, the researchers plan on scaling up the device dimensions so that it can operate at high currents.

They also plan to design a power converter that can step up or step down voltages.

# Armed gang assaults poll officials, escapes with ballot papers

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**After confirming the officials were on their way to conduct the elections, the accused allegedly robbed them**

A gang of five men attacked election officers and escaped with ballot papers and a laptop near Hosapalya on Magadi Road on Wednesday.

The victims were heading to the elections of the Hullenahalli milk producers' cooperative society when the gang confronted the car with the officials and demanded their IDs.

After confirming that the officials were heading to conduct the elections, the accused allegedly took away the bag containing ballot papers and other materials meant for elections and escaped.

The officials, identified as Umesh and Usha, sustained injuries when they tried to resist. Passers-by rushed to their help but the accused managed to escape in the car. The entire incident was recorded on the mobile phone of one of the witnesses.

**Political rivalry**

Following the attack, the election was suspended, and the Magadi police have registered a case of robbery and efforts are on to track. The attack was to disrupt the election process due to political rivalry between two groups, a police officer said.

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**Living in harmony:** A govinda troupe forms a human pyramid outside the Mahim Dargah as a mark of respect during the Janmashtami Festival in Mumbai on September 9. EMMANUAL YOGINI

# 'Secularism is also to protect Hindus from their own orthodoxies'

In his new book, *Reimagining Indian Secularism*, Rajeev Bhargava argues that secularism should not be seen as a project only for minorities. Pointing out that the present majoritarian crisis is a blip, he says that India's broader, historical pluralism will not be easy to dislodge

INTERVIEW

## *Rajeev Bhargava*

V.S. Sambandan

Multi-religious India's founding ideals are fast being reshaped by a majoritarian formulation of the relationship between the state and religion. Rajeev Bhargava, political theorist and author of *Reimagining Indian Secularism* (2023), analyses the strengths and failings of India's *sui generis* secularism. Edited excerpts from an interview to The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy.

**V.S. Sambandan: In retrospect, was India's constitutional idea of "principled distance" an aberration?**

Rajeev Bhargava: Not at all. Contrast India's constitutional secularism with other models. In the U.S. there is mutual exclusion; in France, a one-sided exclusion. In India, exclusion of religion is not possible. The state has to intervene to ensure that there is neither inter-religious nor intra-religious domination.

Therefore, it maintains principled distance: it intervenes or not depending on what helps to foster equality, freedom or fraternity. This is unique.

**So, why did the constitutional ideal fall off the perch?**

All orthodoxies in every religion abhor any interference. Then, there was Hindu nationalism; it's as old as secular nationalism. Most Hindu nationalists wanted some preferential treatment for Hindus; a Hindu state. This partiality violates the principles of equality and impartiality. As Hindu nationalism grew, the idea of secularism morphed into something else.

Many Indian secularists also misunderstood secularism: that religion should be in the private space. This is not possible in India with its public expressions of religion like Muharram and Kumbh Mela. Insulating official public space from religion should have sufficed for secularists.

**You had earlier argued that Europe has to learn from India. Should it?**

Europe's secularism was born in response to homogeneity and against diversity; but now it faces diversity. On the other hand, Indian secularism was born in response to India's phenomenal diversity. Is it not clear which countries have to learn from whom?

**How do you see tradition and modernity in the Indian context?**

I'm not very happy with this [framework] which, in India at least, was invented by colonial anthropologists and administrators. That brings me to my latest book. Indian tradition has many religio-philosophical practices and experiences; multiple margas, pathways. But pluralism is new in the west. So, what is traditional and modern itself is open to question. Asoka said: "I am going to equally honour both Brahmanas and Sramanas". Religiously impartial, he embodied the idea of what we consider modern.

Second, atheism is not new to India. A very large part of India's religio-philosophical perspectives, until the second half of the first millennia of the Common Era, were free of God. Consider Buddhism which was grounded in individual human effort (Karma).

**What about claims that [ancient] India perfected surgery, for instance?**

There are many contributions from India that Indians and the world have to be proud of; plastic surgery is not one of them. We don't have to invent things that are conceivable only in the 20th or 21st centuries. What kind of inferiority complex is this? Moreover, no culture can claim any idea entirely as its own. There's always cross fertilisation of ideas.

**Has the numerically influential Uttar Pradesh (U.P.) and its hinterland shaped the national narrative and response to secularism in a diverse India?**

That is a hard question. All that I can say is one thing: Brahminical orthodoxy, the rigidity of the caste system is still very strong in U.P. and in other northern Indian States. The kind of movement that began in the south in the 20th century is happening in northern India almost a century later. And even that is not successful. Brahminical orthodoxy has more or less co-opted 'lower' castes. I would say that, yes, U.P. is a big, big problem. I wouldn't, however, say that it's only a U.P.-plus issue.

Let's take two points of inflection. One was, as you say, Mrs. [Indira] Gandhi playing the Hindu card in the 1980s. Then, there were Shah Bano and Babri Masjid, which became national narratives. These are U.P.-plus-specific, but remember, Mrs. Gandhi played the Hindu card in Punjab and Jammu. It was followed up in U.P. and its hinterland but it started elsewhere. Reversing the *Shah Bano* judgment, unlocking Babri Masjid/Ram Janmabhoomi, banning Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*, were all politically troublesome.

**Borrowing from the title of your latest book, how would you 'reimagine Indian secularism'?**

It is important to not disconnect the inter-religious from the intra-religious. If you make defending minority rights (preventing inter-religious domination) as the main issue, secularism is seen as a project only for minorities and not for the Hindus.

[Combatting] intra-religious domination is as important. European secularism was for defending individuals from oppressive social communities and the state from a meddlesome church.

Caste is the Indian equivalent of the [western] church. The caste system thwarting individual autonomy, one caste dominating another within the Hindu order has to end. Those fighting against inter-and intra-religious domination should come together.

By reducing secularism solely to the defence of minority rights, specifically of Muslims and Christians, a lot of Hindus feel "secularism is not for us" and/or "it has worked against us", [emphasises] which is not the case. Secularism is as much to protect Hindus from their own fanatics, extremists, caste groups and orthodoxies. It needs reimagination. Inclusive secularism should also address caste and gender domination.

**This requires popular redefinition.**

Yes! There's another thought in the new book: modern religion itself is an alien category to us.

When the 16th-17th century European [social] invention of 'religion' journeyed to India, it upset the sub-continent's cultural equilibrium and caused havoc. It created exclusivism, made the religious 'other' an enemy. We should reverse this religionisation.

**Going forward, do you see further points of inflection?**

I am hopeful that the downward trajectory will stop, albeit over time. The broader, historical pluralism will not be easy to dislodge. I believe Indian pluralism's crisis is, in the long run, a blip.

*V.S. Sambandan is CAO, The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy, Chennai. The longer version of this interview can be accessed at bit.ly/fullinterviewsec*

FROM THE ARCHIVES

# *Know your English*

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Ms. Sujata Bannerjee, Jabbalpur wants to know the difference between 'govern' and 'rule'."

" 'To govern' is 'to rule with authority, conduct the policy, actions and affairs, of (State, subjects) either despotically or constitutionally'. Taken by itself, 'govern' has only a good meaning. 'To govern' generally means to administer in a systematic way, to 'exercise power with judgment and knowledge'. The word 'government' is from 'govern'. 'Government' is 'system of governing, form of organisation of state'. 'To rule' is 'to exercise control, keep under control, etc.' 'Rule' implies control by a superior person. When you govern, you govern generally according to some principles, constitution. A man may rule well or badly. In a democracy, the government is of the people, by the people and for the people. It is a different question if it is occasionally off the people, far the people and 'buy the people'! We talk about the government of U.P., West Bengal, etc. There are complaints that some States are ruled rather than governed. The Queen of Britain reigns, but doesn't rule."

"Sir, Mr. G. Murali wants to know the meaning and full form of 'quiz'."

"The origin of the word 'quiz' is not known. It has been used since the eighteenth century. The full form of 'quiz' is 'quiz'! It is not a contraction. It means 'a public test, usually of general knowledge, especially as a television or radio entertainment',

*It was a nice quiz programme.*

In America, a quiz is also an informal test given by the teacher to his/her class. 'Quiz' is also used as a verb. It means 'to examine by questioning'.

*He quizzed her about where she had been the whole day.*

'Quizzical' means 'in a questioning manner, especially when amused'.

*She looked at him with a quizzical smile.*

*His quizzical tone greatly annoyed her.*

There was a time when 'quiz' also meant (a) an eccentric person (b) a joke. It no longer has these two meanings."

"Several readers have drawn my attention to the distinction between 'warranty' and 'guarantee' in commerce. They have charged me with ignorance and I plead guilty. The following is a letter from Mr. K. P. Pillai: In *The Hindu* supplement dt. 21-3-1989 under the column 'Know Your English', you have stated that the meanings of the words 'Warranty' and 'Guarantee' are the same. I am sorry to disagree with you in as much as the two words have different connotations in commercial parlance. Warranty is against defective or faulty material and guarantee is for performance. An equipment, even though materially all right, need not give performance which depends on manufacturing skill and proper alignment of parts. In purchase orders, the terminology used is that the supplier should give warranty against defective or faulty material and guarantee for performance for a period of 12 months or such period agreed upon between the contracting parties...'"

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THE DAILY QUIZ

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# Lata Mangeshkar, one of the most celebrated singers of India, was born on September 28, 1929. Here is a quiz on the icon often known as the 'Queen of Melody'

Joan Sony Cherian

**QUESTION 1**
In 2001, Lata Mangeshkar was bestowed the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour. Which other country awarded the singer their highest civilian award?

**QUESTION 2**
She composed several Marathi songs under a pseudonym. What was it?

**QUESTION 3**
Two songs sung by Lata Mangeshkar, 'Tere Sang Pyar Main' and 'Wada Na Tod' were featured in this critically acclaimed Hollywood movie. Name the movie.

**QUESTION 4**
The only Malayalam song Lata Mangeshkar sang was a song composed by the Bengali music director Salil Chowdury. Name the song and the film in which it was featured.

**QUESTION 5**
In 1974, she performed at the Royal Albert Hall in London, England. Who was the first Indian to perform at the Hall?

**QUESTION 6**
This actress was one among the first who had it written in her contracts that only Lata Mangeshkar would sing her songs in films. Name her.

**Visual question:**
In the 1960s, Lata Mangeshkar had a small feud with the man in the picture over the issue of royalty payments. However, they managed to reconcile at a later period. Name the iconic singer. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

**Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. Nast was a sharp critic of this American politician. **Ans: William M. Tweed, commonly known as Boss Tweed**
2. This Indian cartoonist who is best known for his creation The Common Man. **Ans: R.K. Laxman**
3. This cartoonist in 2008 made the *The New Yorker* cover titled 'The Politics of Fear'. **Ans: Barry Blitt**
4. This is a political cartoon showing the disunity in the American colonies. **Ans: Join, or Die**
5. This French political cartoonist has been found guilty of "provoking discrimination, hatred or racial violence". **Ans: Françoise Pichard**
6. This American cartoonist was the creator of these two characters who feature in his comic strip Peanuts. **Ans: Charles M. Schulz; Charlie Brown and Snoopy**
Visual: Identify this cartoonist and the prize he won. **Ans: Berkeley Breathed; Pulitzer Prize**
**Early Birds:** Indra Sharma| Rashi Rahul| K. N. Viswanathan

## Word of the day

**Perambulation:**
a walk around a territory in order to officially assert and record its boundaries; a leisurely walk (usually in some public place)

**Synonyms:**
promenade, saunter, stroll, amble

**Usage:** *He stuck to the rules and did the regular perambulation and inspection.*

**Pronunciation:** bit.ly/perambulationpro

**International Phonetic Alphabet:** pəˌræmbjuˈleɪʃn/

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# Show the way to up 'living income' of coffee farmers, say experts

Living income is critical for millions of coffee farmers who deserve to thrive and not just survive, says Stephanie Daniels

**Mini Tejaswi**
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Visitors at the stalls at the 5th World Coffee Conference in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

The coffee industry should collectively step up its fight for stable pricing to ensure a decent living income for growers rather than pushing the case in isolation, said Stephanie Daniels, senior programme director, Agriculture & Development, Sustainable Food Lab (U.S.).

Speaking at the 5th World Coffee Conference on Wednesday, she argued that living income was absolutely the core of sustainability and it was extremely critical for millions of coffee farmers who deserve to thrive and not just survive.

"The concept of living income is beyond poverty alleviation. It is about living decently and in comfort. Living income comprises a decent nutritional diet as per the norms of WHO, housing other essential elements such as healthcare, education and transport,'' she explained while deliberating on a topic "Coffee incomes of farmers in Africa and India and Latin America."

According to Ms. Daniels, there are a lot of strategic dialogues currently happening across Latin America, Africa, and Asian countries to improve the financial outcomes of the coffee sector through innovation, increased focus on R&D and newer mechanisms of growth.

"We need the industry to step up and work towards stable pricing. This issue can not be solved at the national level and it requires global collaboration,'' she emphasised.

Nishanth Gupta, Strategic Liaison Walmart Foundation in India, noted that farmer producing organisations (FPO) and farmers'/cooperatives have been working in India to improve sustainability in the coffee industry and all these efforts have been yielding good results.

World's largest coffee roaster Nestle has been working among coffee farmers in Karnataka in the last 10 years. Sanjay Khajuria, Director Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, Nestle India, said the programme has already touched the lives of some 10 million people, especially when India has 230,000 coffee farmers of which 98% of them were small farmers mostly from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh.

The transformation of barren hills in Araku Valley to a region that grows brown gold (coffee bean) was a classic example of how coffee could bring in a substantial change in the lives of native indigenous tribes in the region, noted Y. Raghuramulu, rtd. Director of Research of Coffee Board of India (India).

"Coffee Board has taken further initiatives to replicate this success in other parts of the country," he added.

# 'Indian coffee farmers are not adequately compensated'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Coffee farmers in India who experience crop loss due to wild animals, drought, forest fires are not adequately compensated for their losses, said Sunil Nautiyal, director, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment.

"Farmers in our country experience crop loss due to factors such as wild animals, drought, forest fires and more. However they are not adequately compensated for their losses. This is especially true for farmers with small land holdings," said Prof. Nautiyal. He was speaking in a panel discussion on "Rapid innovation, increased funding for research and scientific collaboration could mitigate impact of climate change on the coffee sector" at the World Coffee Conference.

According to experts, climate change has been brewing trouble for the global coffee industry, which can potentially change the dynamics of the global coffee production and supply chain, unless countries work towards mitigating its negative impact through rapid innovation, increased funding for research and scientific collaboration.

"There is a 66% chance that the global average temperatures will hit 1.5 degree Celsius above the present industrial temperatures in the next 5 years alone," cautioned Raina Lang, senior director, Sustainable Coffee, Conservation International (U.S.).

"The biggest hurdle is that countries are not investing enough in research and development. Breeding climate resilient variants of the coffee bean is a solution that coffee growing nations could benefit from if they collaborate on scientific research and knowledge exchange," said Salvador Urrutia Loucel, Latin American director, World Coffee Research.

# 15th annual graduation ceremony of RIT held

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As many as 1,242 graduate and 292 PG students were conferred degrees at the 15th annual graduation ceremony organised by Ramaiah Institute of Technology here on Wednesday.

M.R. Jayaram, chairman, Gokula Education Foundation and chairman of the governing body, declared the ceremony open. Uday B. Desai, former Director, IIT Hyderabad, Chancellor, Anurag University, Hyderabad and ICFAI University Dehradun was the chief guest. Dr. Desai appealed to students to maintain self-belief and diligently work towards their aspirations.

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## INBRIEF

### AR picture postcards on Hoysala temples released

In commemoration of World Tourism Day, Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Postal Circle, S. Rajendra Kumar on Wednesday released AR (augmented reality) picture postcards on the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of 'The Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas' with special cancellation.

According to a release from the Department of Posts, there are four postcards in this special edition. These picture postcards contain the pictures of the Chennakeshava temple at Belur, Hoysaleshwara temple at Halebid, and Keshava temple at Somanathapur. These uncancelled special picture postcards are priced at ₹150 and are available at Bengaluru GPO.

### Explore tourism destinations with families: Siddaramaiah

On the occasion of World Tourism Day on September 27, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urged people to explore Karnataka's tourist destinations with their families, emphasising the State's diverse attractions participating virtually in an event organised by the Department of Tourism which was aimed at promoting tourism within Karnataka while honouring its cultural legacy and natural wonders.

H.K. Patil, Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs, and Tourism *(in picture)* highlighted Karnataka's appeal as a tourist destination, known for its wildlife, temples, coastline, and more. He noted that Karnataka boasts four UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with the potential for more. Mr. Patil underscored the importance of preserving historical sites and monuments, as they offer insights into the State's rich cultural heritage.

### State delegation meets officials of Boeing, GE, IMF

Minister M.B. Patil with Boeing Co. officials in Washington D.C. on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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BENGALURU

A visiting Karnataka delegation headed by M.B. Patil, Minister of Large & Medium Industries & Infrastructure Development, met senior executives of Boeing and GE in Washington D.C. to discuss and explore investment opportunities for the State.

The delegation also met Gita Gopinath, Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF), and discussed various investment and partnership options for Karnataka.

The Minister, who is on a 12-day official tour to the U.S. along with senior officials of the Industries Department, also discussed strategies with the IMF on how to address imbalances in the skilled labor force. He explored possibilities of collaboration in upskilling the workforce for artificial and machine learning capabilities with the help of GE Healthcare.

The delegation also explored options for potential investments in logistics centers, P2F (passenger-to-freight) conversions, and pilot and crew training centers near Karnataka's airports. The government's assessment of the high aviation fuel tax in Karnataka to maintain a favorable aerospace ecosystem was also part of the discussion.

The $110-billion Boeing Company was represented by Greta Lundeberg, Vice President of International Operations and Policy, Government Operations, and Nicole Porreca, Director of International Operations and Policy, Government Operations. The airplane maker is globally known for its design, manufacture, and sale of its aircraft, rotorcraft, rockets, satellites, telecommunications equipment, and missiles.

Mr. Patil met George Pickart, MD of Global Government Affairs and Policy Gas Power of GE Vernova, while GE Healthcare's John Schaeffler, Global Executive Leader of Government Affairs & Policy, and Andrew Quinn, Executive Director of International Trade and Economic Policy.

In India, GE Healthcare operates four plants through joint ventures with Wipro and Bharat Electronics and is engaged in manufacturing CT scan machines, catheterization laboratory, ultrasonography equipment, ventilators, and patient monitors.

Karnataka delegation comprises Dr. S Selvakumar, Principal Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of Karnataka, and Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director, Industries and Commerce, among others.

# State to challenge CWRC direction in Supreme Court

Shivakumar says not a drop of water will be released from the KRS to Tamil Nadu; challenges BJP and JD(S) leaders to protest in New Delhi demanding implementation of Mekedatu project

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Siddaramaiah

D.K. Shivakumar

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said the Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee's (CWRC) direction to Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu from September 28 to October 15 will be challenged before the Supreme Court.

Speaking to reporters in M.M. Hills in Chamarajanagar on Wednesday, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he had discussed the CWRC's direction issued on September 26 with the legal experts. Based on their opinion, Karnataka will be challenging the CWRC's direction in the Supreme court. "We are challenging the orders of the Regulatory Committee before the Supreme Court," he said. Karnataka does not have water at all to release to Tamil Nadu, Mr Siddaramaiah added.

To a question, Mr .Siddaramaiah said a total of 195 taluks in the State were reeling under drought due to failure of rains this year.

With regard to the call for Karnataka bundh on the Cauvery issue on September 29, Mr Siddaramaiah said protests were permitted in democracy. However, he referred to the Supreme Court order against bandhs and said the State Government will keep the Apex court's direction in mind. With regard to the protests by Opposition leaders, Mr. Siddaramaiah said BJP and JD(S) were playing politics in the name of Cauvery.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Water Resources portfolio, said that not a drop of water would be released from the KRS dam of the State to Tamil Nadu.

**Alternative arrangements**

Generally, close to 2,000 cusecs flow daily in the Cauvery basin. "Alternative arrangements will be made to release 1,000 cusecs. The inflow is good following rains in Kanakapura and Bengaluru in the last few days," Mr. Shivakumar said and ruled out any compromise on safeguarding the interest of the State.

Mr. Shivakumar dared the BJP and JD (S) leaders to stage a protest in Delhi seeking implementation of the Mekedatu project across river Cauvery in Kanakapura. "There is no use in staging protests in the State," he said. He also questioned the necessity of holding Karnataka bandh on Friday when the CWRC has reduced the Tamil Nadu government's demand for water from 12,500 cusecs to 3,000 cusecs daily till October 15. The bandh would cause business loss and inconvenience to school and college students, the KPCC chief said.

# Gross storage at KRS second lowest since 2011

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The gross storage at the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) across the Cauvery was 20.54 thousand million cubic ft (tmcft) on September 27, 2023, as against the gross capacity of 49.45 tmc ft. This is the second lowest level of gross storage in the dam since 2011. The previous lowest was in 2016, when the gross storage on the same day had dipped to 14.84 tmcft owing to monsoon failure.

Details of quantum of water in the reservoir on the same day since 2011 indicates that the storage was comfortable and above 43 tmc ft in most years barring in 2015 and 2016 while it was 35.35 tmc ft in 2021. In 2015, the gross storage was 25.13 tmc ft on September 27 but heavy rains in the post-monsoon season helped shore up the storage to nearly 33 tmc ft by November giving a breather to the State.

As per the statistics available from the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), the situation was similar in 2017 when the gross storage was 28.58 tmc ft on September 27 but unseasonal rains in October augmented the storage to almost 34 tmc ft by the last week of November. Whether the Cauvery catchment area in the State will benefit from post-monsoon rains in this year of drought remains to be seen. But there was no such relief in 2016. Meanwhile, the water level in the reservoir was down to 97 feet as against the full reservoir level (FRL) of 124.80 feet. The water level on the same day last year was 123.92 ft and the gross storage was 48.22 tmc ft.

**Other dams**

The cumulative storage in major reservoirs across the Cauvery basin in the State has been dipping and neared 50% of the installed capacity as on Wednesday. The gross storage capacity of the four major dams is 114.57 tmc ft while the actual storage as on September 27 was 59.43 tmc ft which is 52% of the actual capacity. The cumulative storage across the four dams on the same day last year was 111.86 tmc ft.

# BJP, JD(S) leaders stage joint protest against govt.

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Former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswamy, and BJP and JD(S) MLAs, MPs, and leaders protesting against the State government's decision to release Cauvery river water to Tamil Nadu, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Opposition BJP and JD (S) leaders staged a joint *satyagraha* in Bengaluru on Wednesday accusing the Congress government of its failure to protect the interests of Karnataka in the inter-State row over sharing of Cauvery river water.

BJP veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy spearheaded the protest that was staged in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Vidhana Soudha premises. This was the first joint protest staged by the two parties after they formally announced their decision to forge an alliance between them for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls. Several prominent leaders from both the parties participated in the protest.

Addressing the protesters, Mr. Yediyurappa accused the Congress government in Karnataka of working like an "agent of DMK in Tamil Nadu." He said people of the State had taken to streets to protect such an injustice and that the BJP-JD(S) would support the people's fight for justice. He warned the government that the law and order situation would go out of hand if it did not try to rectify its stand, and that it would have to take the blame for such a situation.

Mr. Kumaraswamy accused the Congress government of hoodwinking the people of the State. He alleged that the government had ignored the interests of State farmers and had constantly erred in handling legal issues. He demanded that a decision should be arrived on sharing Cauvery water with Tamil Nadu based on actual availability of water. There was a dire need to find an amicable solution by placing facts before the Cauvery Water Management Authority.

BJP State President Nalin Kumar Kateel, former Chief Minister D. V. Sadananda Gowda and several legislators and leaders from both parties took part in the protest.

# CWMA to review water availability at meeting tomorrow

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The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) will meet in New Delhi on Friday. It will review water availability and Tuesday's directive of the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) to Karnataka to release 3,000 cubic feet per second (cusecs) till October 15.

Senior officials in Chennai say Tamil Nadu will continue to press for the release of 12,500 cusecs for the period up to October 15. "We are entitled to a higher quantum, even if the deficit of about 53%, as assessed by the CWRC, alone is to be taken into account," they point out.

Tamil Nadu contends that as on September 12, it should have received at least 7.8 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) more.

**4.67 tmcft**

According to a calculation, the quantum of 3,000 cusecs per day till October 15 means that Karnataka has to release 4.67 tmc ft cumulatively.

As on September 25, Tamil Nadu had realised 42.79 tmc ft since June 1, as against its quota of around 117 tmc ft in a normal year. This month, the State received 11.21 tmc ft, according to data from the Central Water Commission.

# HC directs State govt. to conduct drive to fill backlog vacancies within six months

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The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to immediately undertake a recruitment drive to fill all the backlog vacancies in all the departments and institutions, and accomplish the task of filling-up backlog vacancies immediately within an outer limit of six months.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Krishna S. Dixit issued the direction after noticing that backlog vacancies were not filled up for decades in certain government-run institutions despite the specific directions issued by the government to fillip up vacancies as well the directions issued by the High Court to the Social Welfare Department last year.

**For over a decade**

The Bench passed the Order while allowing an appeal filed by one M. Manju Prasad, who had assailed the direction issued by a Single Judge Bench, which had merely asked the government to consider his representation within eight weeks for filling up backlog vacancies in Government Dental College and Research Institute. The petitioner had complained that the institute had not filled up backlog posts for more than a decade.

Agreeing with the submission of appellant's counsel that backlog vacancies being earmarked for the downtrodden communities, cannot be left unfilled in eternity, the Bench observed that "continuation of backlog vacancies would virtually amount to denial to these communities a preferential treatment as constitutionally ordained. That would eventually deprive community representation in the public employment and therefore cannot be countenanced."

**Government's stand**

Meanwhile, the Bench took exception to the government's stand for seeking dismissal of the petition despite pointing out in its statement that the institute is not undertaking the recruitment to backlog vacancies despite the letter written to it in May, 2022.

"Entities that fit into the constitutional contours of Article 12 are expected not to take up unfair stand, be it in pleadings or in evidence; their object should not be, somehow to secure dismissal of citizens causes invariably, and regardless of their intrinsic worth," it observed. The Bench also said that "the government being a constitutional functionary, is expected to conduct itself as a *bonafide* and scrupulous litigant. The Government should rejoice when an affected citizen secures victory in a worthy legal battle, against it."

# Give up taking loans for extravagant weddings: CM

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has appealed to the public to eschew borrowing loans to conduct ostentatious weddings.

Participating in a simple mass marriage ceremony at MM Hills Temple in Chamarajanagar near Mysuru on Wednesday, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the practice of celebrating wedding ceremonies in a grand manner by obtaining loans was unhealthy.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the poor and middle class will have to shoulder a huge financial burden and will have to keep working for the rest of their lives to clear the loans. Hence, simple and mass marriages should be encouraged in society, he said.

Describing MM Hills or Mala Mahadeshwara Hills as a spiritual centre for the poor and working classes, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he formed a development authority for MM Hills Temple when he became the Chief Minister for the first time. Now, the authority's income had also increased, he said and added that a large number of devotees, particularly women, were visiting MM Hills ever since the State Government launched Shakti scheme.

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**Expression of Interest (EOI)**

KSDC invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible and interested Industries/applicants to impart training in advanced courses for "Kalike Jothege Kaushalya" programme under the CMKKY scheme for the financial year 2023- 24 in the state of Karnataka. Last date for submission of proposal is 16.10.2023 at 16.00 Hrs. Interested and eligible applicants may submit their proposals to the Managing Director, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation, 3rd Floor, Kaushalya Bhavan, Near Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560029. For details or clarification visit www.kaushalkar.com or email at eoi_rfp@kaushalkar.com

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**BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENGALURU BENCH**
**AT BENGALURU**
**IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 66 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013**
**AND**
**IN THE MATTER OF TOYOTA TSUSHO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**
**CP No. 10/BB/ 2023**
**TOYOTA TSUSHO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**
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**NOTICE OF ORDER CONFIRMING REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL**
Notice is hereby given that, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal at Bengaluru by its Order dated the 15.09.2023 confirmed that the paid-up equity share capital of Toyota Tsusho India Private Limited is henceforth INR 463,89,75,480 (Indian Rupees Four Hundred and Sixty-Three Crores Eighty-Nine Lakhs Seventy-Five Thousands and Four Hundred and Eighty Only) divided into 46,38,97,548 (Forty-Six Crores Thirty-Eight Lakhs Ninety-Seven Thousand and Five Hundred and Forty-Eight) equity shares of INR 10 each fully paid-up, reduced from INR 610,84,30,560 (Indian Rupees Six Hundred and Ten Crores Eighty-Four Lakhs Thirty Thousands Five Hundred and Sixty only) divided into 61,08,43,056 (Sixty-One Crores Eight Lakhs Forty-Three Thousands and Fifty-Six) equity shares of INR 10 each fully paid-up.
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# Tackling Bengaluru's flash floods with Sponge City systems, underground storage tanks

Why not let the forces of nature, the push of gravity and human ingenuity combine to let the excess water settle safely, minimising human suffering, ask experts

**Rasheed Kappan**
BENGALURU

A file photo of a sponge park being developed by Greater Chennai Corporation.

A model of rainwater harvesting at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Rain Water Harvesting Theme Park .

Year after year, flash floods have played havoc with Bengalureans, particularly those in and around low-lying pockets. Erratic rains fuelled by climate change concerns give them no time to prepare, as a month's rainfall pours down in a few hours. The frequency of these high-intensity events has increased dramatically, demanding urgent but smart solutions.

So why not build massive underground tanks in low-lying areas to let flood waters rush in? Why not let the forces of nature, the push of gravity and human ingenuity combine to let the excess water settle safely, minimizing human suffering? Could this stored water be used later to address the issues linked to a dry season?

### Successful models abroad

Globally, such systems have worked although they demand a huge initial investment. In the German city of Munich, for instance, 13 underground tanks were built to arrest the recurring floods. The tanks were constructed in big vacant plots such as Bengaluru's civic amenity sites. Each tank had two tiers of 8-metre depth. Flood waters would flow into the tanks to be pumped out later when required.

Flood-prone Tokyo and Pittsburgh too had built such tanks. The one in Tokyo, arguably the world's largest underground water tank, is larger than a football field. Fifty-nine pillars, each 18m tall, support the tank's ceiling.

The models look promising. But not many are convinced. Their contention: Why invest in such expensive projects when you can clean up the city's existing tanks and lakes - many of which are in low-lying areas -, and use them for rainwater storage? This is a mammoth task yet feasible, but the stormwater drains that lead to these water bodies are horribly polluted with sewage and solid waste.

### A big storage problem

"Bengaluru has a storage problem, not a water problem," notes architect Naresh Narasimhan, who had conceptualised K-100, a joint project by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to transform the Rajakaluves into clean waterways flanked by aesthetic urban spaces. The K-100 leads to Bellandur lake, one of the city's largest.

For years, the BBMP has been trying to solve the drain capacity problem through a grand remodeling exercise. But even after years, nearly 175km of drain network are today without any flood protection structures.

The Palike has now set aside ₹1,200 crore to build concrete walls on either side of the drain. So far, about 686km of the city's 859km of primary and secondary stormwater drains (Rajakaluves) have been remodeled.

### Giant watersheds

Beyond the Rajakaluves, the focus should also be on converting the big water bodies on the city's outskirts into rainwater storage tanks. Explains Naresh: "There are eight giant watersheds around Bengaluru. We have to pass a law to create a string of pearls around the city. And these have to be protected and water stored there. In times of crisis, this water can be used."

The watersheds with the lakes already exist: Hoskote lake, Byramangala kere, Bellandur and Varthur lakes, Yele Mallappa Chetty kere, Hesaraghatta lake. "Besides, we should bring back the Arkavathy river and revive the Dakshina Pinakini. There is a mega plan and a micro plan, and it has to be ruthlessly mandated that rainwater is stored, delayed and not released so that the aquifers are not depleted," says Naresh.

Decadal failures to scale up the city's rainwater harvesting potential, storage capacities and to streamline its storm water management have left Bengaluru at the mercy of an external water source. Faced with depleting water levels at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir, BWSSB has now urged the Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) to set aside Bengaluru city's share for the rest of 2023. To cater to the city's potable needs, it wants sufficient water in both KRS and Kabini reservoirs.

Did Bengaluru not see this coming? The warning signs have been loud and clear for decades, and yet the city's record of retaining and reusing its precious rainwater has been poor. This is why, former BWSSB Chief Engineer Thippeswamy has been articulating the need to adopt the proven 'Sponge City' concept perfected by the Chinese.

### Sponge City benefits

The objective is simple: Retain water at its source, slow down the flow, clean water naturally and adapt it at the sink where it accumulates. In this model, rainwater gets soaked in many ways: Rooftop gardens, roads that let water permeate down, ponds, filtration pools, wetlands and public spaces that allow the water to seep underground. In Bengaluru, a few stretches of the smart city roads have earmarked areas for water to seep down. But this needs urgent scaling up.

BBMP, says Thippeswamy, should think beyond flood control and find ways to retain the water. This obviously mandates a coordinated effort with the BWSSB.

The ongoing white-topping of roads across the city has already raised serious concerns about concretisation preventing natural infiltration of rainwater to feed the groundwater table.

### Chennai experience

Chennai has taken the lead among Indian cities in adopting the sponge city model. Thippeswamy is convinced that Bengaluru should follow the system, which is now being adopted by cities across the world. The Greater Chennai Corporation has embarked on a grand plan to transform the entire metropolis into a sponge, arresting both floods and groundwater depletion.

Fifty-seven ponds are to be developed as model Sponge City Parks, scaling up across Chennai. Equipped with recharge wells, inlet and outlet pipes, the parks will act as temporary storage points during heavy rains. Permeable pavements in all newly built parks, real-time flood forecasting and spatial decision support system to develop lake and reservoir operation guidance are also part of the plan. Several such parks have already sprung up with walkways, trees and fencing all around.

### Efficacy of flood alerts

Bengaluru has all the reasons to transform itself as a sponge city. But it may not happen in a hurry, like all slow-moving projects in the city.

Can timely flood warnings offer some respite to the citizens? Based on telemetric weather stations and rain gauges placed at key locations, the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) has a system in place to alert the BBMP, besides BWSSB, the police, Bescom and the disaster management teams.

However, the Palike insists that no alert can help during flash floods. The civic agency, instead, identifies flood-prone areas in advance and focuses its attention there.

In June 2020, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) had launched the 'Bengaluru Megha Sandesha' mobile app to provide real-time information and alerts on weather, rainfall and flooding in the BBMP jurisdiction. But the app is yet to make much of an impact with poor public awareness levels.

## An evening dedicated to the Wadiyars

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Bangalore International Centre (BIC), in collaboration with International Music and Arts Society, is screening a documentary on understanding the music and musicians from the period of the Wadiyars, followed by a discussion.

Titled *Mysuru Wodeyara Sangeetopasane*, this documentary made by musicologist Dr. Meera Rajaram Pranesh and Dr. A. Pranesh, a medical doctor focuses on the music and musicians during the period of the Wadiyars and seeks to reflect the grandeur of Mysuru's rich cultural heritage and the contribution of the Wadiyars in patronising, preserving and propagating Indian music.

### Musicians themselves

The documentary also throws light on how Wadiyars were composers and accomplished musicians themselves, or connoisseurs of art, and how they played an important part in preserving several art forms.

The document will also talk on how during the rule of the Wadiyars many Carnatic and Hindustani musicians performed in the court.

## *IIIT-Bangalore concludes global valedictorian ceremony for over 5,000 graduates with upGrad*

The ceremony felicitated learners from Data Science, Software Development, and Artificial Intelligence certificate programs

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The ceremony which took place on the campus saw around 700 in-person attendees and was simultaneously livestreamed to more than 3,000 online participants.

International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIIT-Bangalore) hosted a global graduation ceremony for its learners enrolled in the online Continuing Professional Education (CPE) programme, on the Bengaluru campus.

The hybrid ceremony felicitated more than 5,000 learners from Data Science, Software Development, Machine Learning, and Artificial Intelligence certificate programs. The students joined physically as well as virtually from different parts of the country.

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The CEP programme was offered by IIIT-Bangalore in a technology platform partnership with upGrad, an integrated learning, skilling, and workforce development company. The students were imparted training in Predictive Analytics using Python, Machine Learning, Data Visualization, Big Data, Natural Language Processing, Fundamentals of Computer Science, Software Development Processes, and Building Robust and Scalable Websites, among others.

Sindhu Gangadharan, SVP and MD at SAP Labs India, Professor Debabrata Das, Director at IIIT-Bangalore, and upGrad's co-founder Mayank Kumar were present at the event.

Ms.Gangadharan highlighted the exponential technology evolution in the vision of the government and pointed out the role of IIIT-Bangalore and upGrad in supporting India's vision of reaching $1 trillion digital economy by 2026.

He also highlighted that this year marks the end of the silver jubilee year of the Institute and that the Institute will accelerate its mission to enable India to play a key role in the global IT industry through its focus on education, research, and innovation in cutting-edge digital technology areas.

Mr. Kumar commented on the wider adoption of emerging technologies that have been encouraging upGrad to ensure that their innovation and pedagogy remain at par with the industry requirements and help them build a market-ready talent pipeline.

He further expressed excitement about recording an academic milestone that IIIT-Bangalore and upGrad, together, have achieved with this batch that brings a strong geographical diversity. programme areas offered by the course and congratulated the graduates on embarking on an exciting journey to contribute to the digital economy of India and the world. Prof. Das emphasised the importance of upskilling in the continually evolving fields of digital technologies as per the

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FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 28, 1973

## Bangalore Normal: Minor Incident of Stone-throwing

Bangalore, Sept. 27: Except for an incident of stone-throwing by students of a school in Seshadripuram this afternoon, the city remained free from violent incidents to-day.

The students of the school came out of their classes and pelted stones at passing vehicles. The glass panes of a bus belonging to the Indian Telephone Industries were smashed. A factory worker who was going by the bus was injured in the head. He was treated as an outpatient at the Malleswaram hospital. Police arrived on the scene and dispersed the boys. Five boys were taken into custody.

## Cong-O Calls for Open Market in Grain

Bangalore, Sept. 27: The three-day session of the Working Commitee of the AICC (O) concluded here to-day after adopting a resolution on the economic situation in the country. The resolution, among other things, called for a return to open market operations for foodgrains, with fair price, shops to protect the vulnerable sections of the people by subsidizing food prices wherever necessary.

The resolution asked the Government not to choke off the channels of distribution with controls., cordons, and prohibitions that it was unable to enforce with honesty and efficiency. Faced with the "current crisis" the Working Committee was constrained to demand open market operation for procurement of foodgrains with increasing attention to co-operative marketing of foodgrains by the producers.

## CITYBEATS

### Tale told through dance

**SEPTEMBER 30, 5PM**
Dr Raksha Karthik and her disciples will present the compositions of Purandaradasa through dance. The dancer has choreographed the dance on some of the *devaranamas* taken from *Dasa Sahitya,* which will present the life of Krishna. The event is open to all.
*At Yuvaka Sangha, Yuvapatha 4, Jayanagar.*

### An unusual cup of tea

**ON GOING**
Shiro collaborates with the gourmet tea brand, Tea Trunk and presents a range of dumplings that are paired with teas. Called the Yumcha menu, it offers an assorted basket of dumplings served with a pot of green tea priced at ₹499, ₹899 and ₹1299.
*On at Shiro UB City, between 3pm and 6pm. Call 41738861.*

### Raise a toast

**ON TILL OCTOBER 23**
Celebrate Octoberfest with a range of crafted beer, live music, and a wide array of cuisines. The menu serves German-style beers such as Smoked Helles and Oktoberfest Lager, Golden Ale, Spectrum IPA, and Hefeweizen.
*At Windmills, Whitefield. Call 45217761*

# Argentina's history via cocktails

At number 18 on the World's 50 Best Bars list, Florería Atlántico by Renato 'Tato' Giovannoni beautifully honours Argentina's immigration narratives

**Swathi Nair**

**Serving up the past** Renato 'Tato' Giovannoni and his creations. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"My dream was to do a bar that tells the story of Argentina in some way. I did not know how until I found that basement in Arroyo Street," says Argentinian bartender and bar owner Renato 'Tato' Giovannoni, the founder of Florería Atlántico in Buenos Aires, a bar that has made a regular appearance on several best bar lists and currently ranks 18 on the World's 50 Best Bars list.

For 25 years, Tato searched for a basement in Buenos Aires and eventually found one in a classic, aristocratic neighbourhood known as Arroyo Street. He explains, "It used to be a little river, and there was a building that once constructed ships to transport goods and people. I thought this probably was an immigrant neighbourhood and decided to do a bar that tells the story of Argentina through its immigration; where migrants came to and what they brought with them. That's why it is called Atlántico, as the immigrants came through the Atlantic Ocean."

Affectionately known as "Tato" by his friends, this bartender recently visited Bengaluru for a special bar takeover event at ZLB23, The Leela Palace, Bengaluru, in partnership with The Dram Attic. During this programme, Tato shared anecdotes about his life and career, offering insights into his remarkable journey in establishing one of the world's finest bars.

Tato, who had previously studied filmmaking in New York, was driven by a clear concept. While the place had a ground floor, it served no purpose for the bar's ambience, which thrived in the basement with its ice shakers, music, and subdued lighting. Tato adds, "In the '80s, Buenos Aires had numerous flower shops on street corners. I thought, why not have a flower shop on the ground floor with a wine selection that opens at 10 am? Florería Atlántico was born with a blend of flowers, the ocean, and the immigration story."

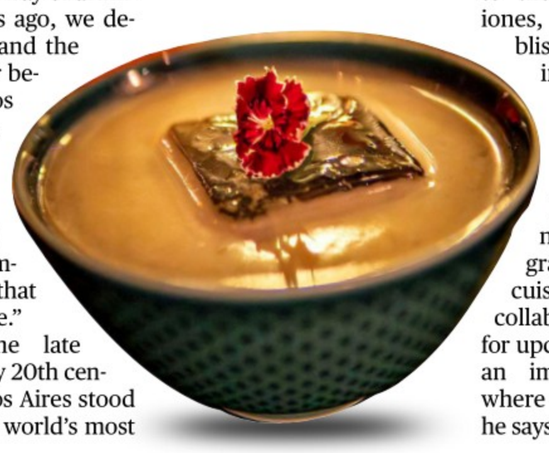
"I cannot work without a clear concept for the menu, or a clear idea," says Tato, adding that it perhaps comes from his background in advertising. "I have this need to learn and investigate," he adds. Once the concept of immigration was clear, he started studying the biggest tide of immigrants that came to Argentina between 1880 to 1920s and those were the Spanish, Italian, French, Polish, and British.

"So the first six years of our menu were inspired by those nations, we would change the menu every six months with a big focus on Argentinian heritage, produce and our way of drinking. Six years ago, we decided to expand the menu further because Buenos Aires was the largest port after New York to receive the biggest flow of immigration in that period in time."

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Buenos Aires stood as one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, welcoming over one million immigrants from Spain and Italy, along with significant numbers from Poland, France, Britain, and Russia. The city's population surged from 4 to 7.9 million between 1895 and 1914.

These newcomers brought their thirst for diverse spirits, including gin from England, sherry from Spain, vermouth and amaro from Italy, and vodka from Poland. The traditions of production they introduced created a rich tapestry of beverages that became integral to Argentina's culture. In Florería Atlántico, Giovannoni pays homage to these settlers, celebrating their transatlantic journeys that culminated at Buenos Aires' Puerto Madero docks.

"Humans have been moving around the world forever, and we all come from somewhere else, yet we all belong to the same world." After extensive research with Argentinian historian Felipe Pigna, the menu shifted focus to colonies and native towns.



Their latest menu centres on indigenous communities, with one standout drink called Yamanas. This concoction combines Old Tom gin with whisky, Earl Grey tea, spirulina, and a hint of crustacean bitters. It pays homage to the canoero peoples who once inhabited the southern channels of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province. The tribe, known as "*yámana*," chose a name that embodies concepts like "humanity," "alive," "in good health," and "not dead" to define their collective identity.

Another noteworthy creation on their menu is the Colonia Luján cocktail. Made from homemade sake, Príncipe de los Apóstoles gin, kombucha infused with ginger and honey, floral honey, and mandarin, this drink is a tribute to Argentina's Japanese community, which traces its roots back to the 1920s. While the more well-known groups settled in the Buenos Aires suburbs and Escobar during that era, some Japanese families also made their way to the province of Misiones, where they established tea plantations in Oberá, as documented in Pigna's research.

Tato is committed to continuing his vital mission of narrating the immigration story through cuisine and drinks in collaboration with Pigna for upcoming menus. "It is an important story of where we all come from," he says.

## Kannada play *Mukhawada* to be staged

Theatre troupe Sandhya Kalavidaru will stage *Mukhawada,* a Kannada play, today.

The show is organised the Academy of Music and written by SV Krishna Sharma, an actor, director and a retired senior scientist from ISRO.

Directed by Pradeep Anche, *Mukhawada* revolves around the concept of the real persona hidden behind the mask of a good Samaritan. The story is about a popular writer who is considered an elite individual in the society, but leads a double life," explains YK Sandhya Sharma, also a journalist, playwright, and a part of the theatre group. "While his writing makes him appear as an intellectual, he has another persona, which is mysterious and devious. Once he gives into his inner demons, there is no turning back, for him. The play becomes a mystery and the audience guessing till the end."

**Layered emotions** A Still from the play and (below) director Pradeep Anche SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sandhya previously held the post of Deputy Director at the Karnataka Information and Public Relations Department. Pradeep, the director of the play, is a theatre enthusiast, who started his journey as an All India Radio voice artiste and as a street play activist. A mechanical engineer by profession, he is passionate about theatre and has acted in over 20 plays and directed four.

*Mukhawada will be staged on September 28, 7pm at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. Entry is free.*

# Committed to keep the crafts alive

**Shilpa Anandraj**

The Crafts Council of Karnataka (CCK) is presenting the 31st edition of Vastrabharana. "This is our annual flagship exhibition and will feature a sale of handcrafted textiles and jewellery. The theme for this year's exhibition is Spice," says Padmaja Sakhamuri, convenor of Vastrabharana speaking over phone from her home in Bengaluru.

"In the past, we have had celebrities including Jaya Bachchan, Shabana Azmi and others inaugurate our exhibitions. This year, we thought we should have a personality from Karnataka and it is Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar who will be inaugurating the exhibition this year," adds Padmaja, also a committee member at CCK – a non-profit organisation started in Bengaluru in 1967 under the patronage of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay. It is also affiliated to the Crafts Council of India and World Crafts Council and focuses on promoting and supporting the crafts of Karnataka and sustaining livelihoods of craftspeople.

"We are a small organisation and make sure all proceeds go to the craftsmen and for the betterment of the craft community. We try to do something in our own little way and look for known personalities to be a part of this exhibition as this also boosts the event in a positive manner," says Padmaja, who has been curating Vastrabharana for five years now. "Post COVID-19 we have done well in Bengaluru. We had our show in March 2021, following protocols. We also have regular crafts exhibitions in November every year."

**Curating beauty** Padmaja Sakhamuri and handcrafted selections. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

About selecting the artisans, she says: "With Vastrabaharana becoming a brand in itself, we now have craftsmen connecting with us. We have our curation methods and make sure to bring together handmade, authentic textiles, and nothing ready-made. We only include ready-made-blouses as that has become popular besides semi-stitched kurtas."

This year's Vastrabharana will feature artisans such as Badshah Miyan (leheriya), Taana Baana (Kota doriya), Farookjan from Kashmir, Unma designs (weaves of Chhattisgarh) and Jeenu Panika (Kotpad saris from Odisha) to name a few.

"Badshah is a presidential awardee. Some others are regulars in our annual exhibitions. We also have a limited stall number of 50, of which three to four are reserved for jewellery. Besides this, we have our favourites, specially those arts and artisans who are popular with Bangaloreans and their products do really well. Chanderis, Assamese, Jhamdanis and Kanjeevarams are popular here."

The pricing, she says, will go from ₹ 300 to a lakh. "COVID-19 has led to the doubling of prices as the cost of raw materials has gone up. Hence, handmade has become more expensive. Yet, to keep ancient traditions and crafts alive, we have to support artisans. Arts and crafts do really well on virtual platforms, thanks to social media. We believe things will improve in physical spaces too," says Padmaja, who is also a qualified gemmologist.

"I always had a penchant for arts, culture and travel. During my travels, I specifically look for local crafts, art and textiles, which has widened my spectrum. This passion is what got me involved in the Crafts Council and over the years I have learnt from many craftsmen and my seniors."

*Vastrabharana will be on at Chitrakala Parishath, Race Course Road, from September 28 to October 2, between 10am and 7.30pm. Entry free.*

**Praveen Sudevan**

## A mix of suspense and psychology

Bengali drama group ENAD is getting ready with their latest production, *Red Herring*, a gripping crime mystery, which is a tribute to novelist Agatha Christie. .

The play attempts to take theatregoers on a journey through the intricacies of human behaviour, complex character psychologies and a suspenseful crime in the heart of Bengaluru.

The play, according to its makers, explores the rich tapestry of emotions, reactions, and dilemmas faced by its characters, serving as a mirror to our society, replete with uncertainties, distrust, apprehensions, and fear. However, it also shines a light on hope, love, and, above all, the pursuit of truth. Audiences can expect to think critically about their responses in various circumstances.

"At ENAD, we believe that theatre has the power to challenge our perceptions and make us think deeper about the world around us," says Amitava Baksy, the director of the play. "With *Red Herring*, we aim to do just that by exploring the psychologies of our characters."

Producing *Red Herring* was also a personal decision for Amitava. "The story is close to my heart, influenced by my lifelong affinity for Agatha Christie's novels and the detective genre. From my childhood, I have been captivated by the suspense, intrigue, and intricacies of the stories of detection."

"While her novels have inspired numerous movies, there are relatively few stage adaptations. We saw an opportunity to bring the magic of her storytelling to the theatre audience, providing them with a unique and immersive experience."

Amitava wanted to adapt only the core plot elements from her stories. The play is rooted in Bengaluru. "I wanted to bring out the daily lives of our city's residents, including their likes, dislikes, fears and insecurities," he adds.

*Red Herring*, hence, stood out as a perfect amalgamation of Amitava's fondness for Agatha Christie, the unexplored thriller genre for ENAD, and a story that could be both gripping and relatable to the Bengaluru audience.

ENAD, short for Ekti NAtaker Dol, meaning "A Theatre Group" in English, was founded in May 2000 in the San Francisco Bay Area, USA. They have 25 productions with over 100 shows to their credit.

The 90-minute play will see actors converse in Bengali, Hindi, English and Kannada.

*Red Herring will be staged at KH Kalasoudha in Hanumanthnagar on October 1, at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Tickets on bookmyshow.com.*

# Deve Gowda defends pact with BJP, says JD(S) committed to safeguarding minorities

I do not want any certificate for secular credentials from anyone, says the former Prime Minister

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Asserting that the Janata Dal (Secular)-BJP alliance in Karnataka had his seal of approval, the former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda on Wednesday assured that the party would "continue to protect the interests of the minorities".

"I discussed the Karnataka political situation with Union Home Minister Amit Shah initially. Discussion with Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not happened yet since he is a busy man. The opinion of all the 19 MLAs and eight MLCs were sought, and they suggested that we should go with the tie-up," the veteran leader told presspersons here. His comments on the new political formation in the State were the first after the alliance with the BJP was formally announced last week.

"This is not opportunistic politics. We took the decision to protect the regional party," he said, contending that they were "not a power hungry party".

Attacking the Congress, the former Prime Minister blamed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for the fall of the Congress-JD(S) alliance government back in 2019. "The Congress has committed one blunder after the another and is now speaking of secular democracy. Who was responsible for the BJP forming the government in 2019? Who sent 17 MLAs to Mumbai?" he asked.

JD(S) leaders H.D. Deve Gowda and H.D. Kumaraswamy at a press conference in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Referring to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi terming the JD(S) as BJP's 'B' team during the 2018 Assembly elections, Mr. Gowda said, "He gave me a certificate. I do not want any certificate for secular credentials from anyone. Let us be honest. Show me one regional party that has not enjoyed power with the BJP in one way or the other in the past."

He also accused leaders of Left parties of teaming with the BJP to defeat the TMC in West Bengal.

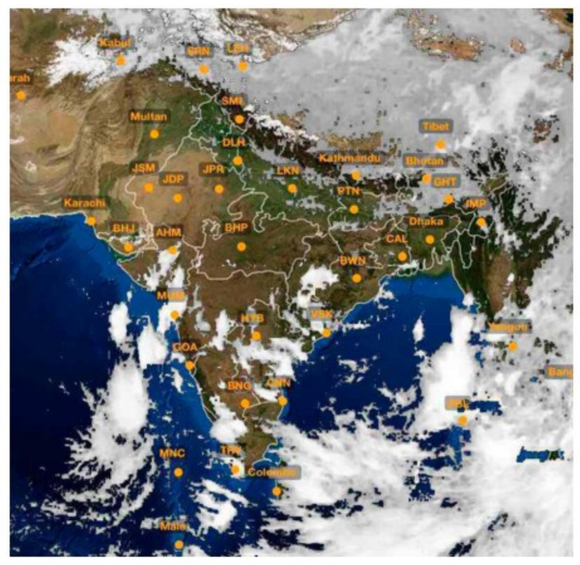
Further, he said, "The question now arises whether we are going to protect minorities. We will. We have never let them down, and we will not let them down in future. We want to fight for the protection of minorities in Karnataka."

### Ibrahim's future

To a question on party president C.M. Ibrahim's future, he shot back: "He has not resigned. I hope and trust that he will continue in the party." The former Prime Minister also said that there are Muslim leaders and followers who continue to trust the JD(S) and that they will not leave the party. Mr. Kumaraswamy accused the Congress of destroying secular forces.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Thursday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, coastal Andhra Pradesh and Lakshadweep

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | — | 33.6 | 26.8 | Kozhikode | 3 | 33.6 | 25.2 |
| Ahmedabad | 0.4 | 35.6 | 26.5 | Kurnool | — | 32.5 | 25.7 |
| Aizawl | 18 | 33.0 | 20.0 | Lucknow | — | 35.0 | 25.9 |
| Allahabad | — | 35.6 | 27.2 | Madurai | 1 | 38.4 | 24.0 |
| Bengaluru | 2 | 28.5 | — | Mangaluru | 8 | 30.0 | 23.0 |
| Bhopal | — | 32.6 | 23.4 | Mumbai | 8 | 30.6 | 25.0 |
| Bhubaneswar | — | 34.2 | 26.0 | Mysuru | — | 31.7 | — |
| Chandigarh | — | 33.5 | 21.9 | New Delhi | — | 34.8 | 24.1 |
| Chennai | 3 | 35.7 | 25.8 | Patna | — | 34.8 | 26.6 |
| Coimbatore | — | 32.1 | 23.1 | Port Blair | 45 | 26.8 | 24.4 |
| Dehradun | — | 33.1 | 21.0 | Puducherry | — | 35.2 | 26.0 |
| Gangtok | 3 | 22.0 | 17.0 | Pune | 46.6 | 26.3 | 21.2 |
| Goa | 27 | 30.0 | 23.0 | Raipur | 14 | 32.7 | 24.3 |
| Guwahati | — | 35.8 | 24.8 | Ranchi | 26 | 30.0 | 22.6 |
| Hubballi | — | 28.0 | 23.0 | Shillong | 0.3 | 25.1 | 16.7 |
| Hyderabad | — | 32.6 | 23.5 | Shimla | — | 25.2 | 15.4 |
| Imphal | — | 33.1 | 21.5 | Srinagar | — | 26.8 | 10.8 |
| Jaipur | — | 34.2 | 25.4 | Thiruvananthapuram | 26 | 31.3 | 23.8 |
| Kochi | 2 | 30.4 | 25.0 | Tiruchi | — | 35.6 | 25.4 |
| Kohima | — | 23.4 | 12.5 | Vijayawada | 0.3 | 35.0 | 25.0 |
| Kolkata | — | 35.2 | 27.5 | Visakhapatnam | — | 33.5 | 27.2 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .17 | ..86 | .41 | ...137 | ...139 | |
| Bengaluru | ...7 | ..13 | .35 | .....41 | ....66 | |
| Chennai | ...4 | ..85 | .30 | .....23 | ....38 | |
| Delhi | .17 | ..49 | .39 | ...225 | ...119 | |
| Hyderabad | .36 | ....8 | .12 | .....69 | ....95 | |
| Kolkata | .21 | ..21 | .17 | .....33 | ....50 | |
| Lucknow | .27 | ..20 | .12 | .....85 | ....86 | |
| Mumbai | ...2 | ..34 | .52 | ...107 | ...110 | |
| Pune | 133 | 221 | 109 | .....42 | ....36 | |
| Visakhapatnam | ...5 | ..44 | .87 | .....60 | ....88 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 280 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# SC tags plea against DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has tagged a petition seeking criminal prosecution of DMK leader Udhayanidhi Stalin for his remarks on *Sanatana Dharma* with a similar one filed earlier by another party.

A Bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Bela M. Trivedi said it would examine, on the next date, whether the petition needed to be entertained. "We have not issued notice. Let it be tagged. We will see on that day," Justice Trivedi said.

Tamil Nadu Additional A-G Amit Anand Tiwari said these were "publicity interest" petitions filed in the guise of public interest. He said about 40 writ petitions were filed. It would be "impossible" for the State if more such petitions cropped up. "Everyone is filing PILs for publicity, now they will go to the media and circulate this petition," Mr. Tiwari said.

Advocate Raj Kishor Choudhary, appearing for petitioner, said a "genocidal call" was made in Tamil Nadu.

A few days ago, the same Bench had issued notice on a petition filed by advocate B. Jagannath, represented by advocate G. Balaji, seeking a direction to the Tamil Nadu Police to immediately register a First Information Report against Mr. Udhayanidhi and others who participated in the 'Sanatana Dharma Eradication Conference' held on September 2 in Chennai by an organisation called Tamil Nadu Murpoku Ezuthalar Sangam.

# Kerala to move Supreme Court against Governor over delay in Bills

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Cabinet on Wednesday decided to petition the Supreme Court against the "inordinate delay" on the part of Governor Arif Mohammed Khan in giving gubernatorial assent to several laws passed by the State Assembly over the past year-and-a-half.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said Mr. Khan's defiance of the people's will harked back to the colonial days when provincial Governors had sweeping discretionary powers. Mr. Khan's action was anti-Constitutional and against the spirit of parliamentary democracy.

The Cabinet's decision was the latest development in the government's protracted political and legal wrangles with the Governor. He said Mr. Khan was inexplicably denying assent to several Bills passed by the Assembly.

Mr. Vijayan saw a political ally in Telangana and Tamil Nadu governments which faced a similar predicament. He said the government had answered the queries raised by Mr. Khan. Ministers and top officials called on him several times to assuage his doubts. Nevertheless, Mr. Khan remained unmoved.

Jurist Fali S. Nariman has advised the government to move the Supreme Court. The Cabinet has hired senior lawyer K.K. Venugopal to represent the State in the top court.

He said Mr. Khan had not approved the appointment of the State Human Rights Commission chairperson, heeding a baseless and spiteful objection petition filed by the Opposition.

## INBRIEF

### Special PMLA court grants ED custody of CPI(M) councillor

The Special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Kochi on Wednesday granted the Enforcement Directorate one-day custody of P.R. Aravindakshan, Communist Party of India (Marxist) councillor of the Wadakkanchery municipality. He was arrested on Tuesday in connection with the Karuvannur Service Cooperative Bank fraud case. The court also gave the ED one-day custody of C.K. Jilse, an accountant of the bank, who was also arrested on Tuesday. The custody is till 4 p.m. on Thursday.

### Kerala Health Minister's staff accused of taking bribe

A member of the personal staff of Kerala Health Minister Veena George stands accused of taking a bribe of ₹1 lakh while promising a job aspirant the post of a medical officer at an Ayush centre under the National Ayush Mission in the State. Haridasan from Malappuram said on Wednesday that he had paid ₹1 lakh to the personal staff Akhil Mathew and ₹75,000 to another CPI(M) person at Pathanamthitta, Akhil Sajeev, so that his daughter-in-law would get appointed to one of the temporary postings. He handed over the money directly to a person he believed to be Akhil Sajeev at Thiruvananthapuram in April.

### Principal of Ooty college placed under suspension

The principal of the Government Arts College in Udhagamandalam was suspended after a video, in which he is seen accepting cash from a student, surfaced Wednesday on the social media. Sources in the Higher Education Department said principal Arul Antony and a faculty member of the college were placed under suspension. The video showed the principal receiving an envelope, allegedly containing cash, from a student for accommodation in the hostel run by the Department of Adi Dravidar Welfare.

## *Red riding bull*

Effigy bulls, also called 'Nandikeshas', on display at the Oachira Parabrahman temple in Kerala after the conclusion of the annual 'Kalakettu' ritual on Wednesday. The ritual is celebrated 28 days after Onam. C. SURESHKUMAR

# India Post ordered to compensate former DGP for missing parcel

**Syed Mohammed**
HYDERABAD

Former Director-General, Prisons, V.K. Singh, dragged India Post to a District Consumer Commission after articles from a package he sent through India Post went missing.

The commission, finding fault with India Post, and, rejecting its stand that Mr. Singh should have insured the package, directed it to pay compensation of ₹20,000.

In a complaint filed before the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission-III, Hyderabad, Mr. Singh stated that it was in June last year that he sent articles at the General Post Office in Abids to Haridwar. Here, Mr. Singh's representative was asked to remove the packed articles and was asked to repackage them with sarees and bedsheets in one packet and trousers, shirts, books, and plastic container in another. He maintained that video recording taken at the GPO and at Haridwar - the destination - were different.

For its part, India Post, stated that the articles received at the delivery post office were in good condition. In connection with directing that the articles be repackaged, India Post stated that supervisors are duty-bound to ensure prohibited material is not sent.

# Telangana BJP to launch election blitzkrieg with series of public meetings

**The Hindu Bureau**
HYDERABAD

The Telangana BJP is planning to launch an election blitzkrieg with a series of public meetings, as many as 40, in various parts of the State within the next few days with prominent Central Ministers and Chief Ministers of other States participating and touring extensively.

General secretaries G. Premender Reddy and K. Venkateswarlu told a press conference in the city on Wednesday that these will be apart from the two public meetings to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 1 at ITI Grounds near Mahabubnagar and October 3 at Giriraj College Grounds.

Mr. Modi will either launch completed projects or lay foundation stones for which the Centre had sanctioned thousands of crores. He will explain to people about what to expect if a double engine government is formed here and at the Centre, they said, adding that BJP national president J.P. Nadda will arrive on October 6 for a meeting with office-bearers and keaders to announce the poll road map.

MP K. Laxman questioned the State government for continuing with the same Public Service Commission administration, including chairman.

# CJI agrees to list Naidu's case on Oct. 3 after judge recuses himself

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud, on Wednesday agreed to list for October 3 a plea by former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for quashing a first information report (FIR) registered against him in the alleged skill development scam case, the next working day for the Supreme Court after back-to-back holidays and the weekend.

Earlier in the day, Justice S.V.N. Bhatti, the Associate Judge on the Supreme Court Bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna, recused himself from hearing the case.

N. Chandrababu Naidu has filed a plea to quash a FIR registered against him in skill development scam case.

The case had been listed for hearing before this Bench on Wednesday.

As soon as the case was called, Justice Khanna conveyed Justice Bhatti's reservations about hearing the case to senior advocates Harish Salve and Siddharth Luthra, who appeared for Mr. Naidu.

The petition, filed through advocate Guntur Pramod Kumar, said the FIR was "an orchestrated campaign of regime revenge to derail the largest Opposition in the State". "The petitioner (Naidu) was suddenly named in the FIR registered 21 months ago, arrested in an illegal manner and deprived of his liberty, motivated only by political reasons. Though there is no material against him, the petitioner is being made to suffer an illegal and motivated investigation in clear violation of his fundamental rights," the special leave petition said.

The High Court had declined to quash the criminal cases filed against Mr. Naidu. It had also refused to set aside the Anti-Corruption Bureau court's order to remand him.

The High Court, in its September 22 order, said the probe agency had initiated criminal action against Mr. Naidu after conducting extensive examination of witnesses and collection of documentary evidence following the registration of the crime in 2021.

The investigation was at its final stage, the High Court had said.

## Drawing the line

### Information aids public safety, and is not a trigger for panic

The year began on a calamitous note with reports that the temple town of Joshimath in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand was 'sinking' and that cracks had appeared on residential and commercial structures. This prompted a humanitarian crisis with people fleeing and taking refuge in tents and open spaces, fearing that their homes would crumble. A proximate reason for the acceleration in the fissures and cracks was attributed to tunnelling activities from the Tapovan Vishnugad power project being developed by the National Thermal Power Corporation. There were also concerns on whether groundwater depletion, or increased urbanisation that encouraged faulty construction, had reached a point from which disasters had become inevitable. To address all these, the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority had commissioned eight reputed institutions to study the land-subsidence phenomenon from multiple angles. Surprisingly, it banned the public dissemination of information from scientists involved with the institutions on the grounds that satellite imagery pictures – from Indian and international sources – of the subsurface in Uttarakhand were aggravating "panic" and that information was to be shared only after it was "cleared" by the Centre. The net result of this is that despite reports of all institutions being available for months, it took a strong rebuke from the High Court of Uttarakhand last week for the State authorities to make this information public.

Though these reports are technical, they reiterate what has been known about the risks underlying infrastructure development in Uttarakhand. The Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, for instance, pointed out that 99% of construction in the region did not comply with the mandatory building codes. The National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, in its report, said that the network of springs, drainage systems and areas of subsidence may influence land subsidence and there was a need to monitor them. Overall, the tenuous geology made city-like infrastructure projects risky and strict town-planning and construction measures were necessary to minimise the risk from accidents and a loss of lives. While there is a legitimate case for ensuring that citizens in the hill States are not denied basic amenities and the opportunities for material advancement, it is incumbent upon governments to take hard decisions that are sustainable as against those that are aimed to score in the next election. A necessary step is in ensuring that information on the risks is widely disseminated and communicated in a way that it becomes a part and parcel of public life. Independent scientific counsel must form the backbone of policymaking and clear lines must be drawn around the limits to development in the region.

## Timeless quest

### Bennu sample can help human understanding beyond the immediate

On September 24, NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft dropped off a capsule over the earth, leaving it to be pulled down by the planet's gravity. It then deployed parachutes and gently landed in Utah in the U.S., where experts waited to retrieve its invaluable contents: around 250 grams of rocks and dust that OSIRIS-REx had collected from the surface of 101955 Bennu. Bennu is an asteroid orbiting the sun (with a period of 436 days) such that it comes relatively close to the earth once every six years or so. It is a carbonaceous asteroid with characteristics that suggest it settled into its present form and composition within 10 million years after the solar system's formation, surviving the last 4.5 billion years nearly intact. Such 'leftover' pieces of debris are expected to reveal the system's ingredients and the signatures of the processes that combined them in different ways. Many scientists also believe that when rocks such as Bennu crashed into the earth, they delivered the compounds required for the formation of life. Also, as Bennu could smash into the earth between 2178 and 2290, studying it could inform ways to prevent this collision. NASA launched OSIRIS-REx (Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer) in 2016. Two years later, scientists worked to place it into orbit around Bennu, at an altitude of just 2 km. Bennu itself was zipping through space at 28 km/s. On October 20, 2020, OSIRIS-REx landed just long enough to grab a sample of the asteroid from a pre-identified spot before flying back up. In May 2021, it began its long journey back to earth, where it dropped off the capsule holding Bennu's regolith. After this, it will reincarnate in its OSIRIS-APEX avatar, to rendezvous with the silica-rich asteroid 99942 Apophis in 2029.

The OSIRIS mission has two identities. In time, it works alongside Japan's two Hayabusa missions, which have collected and returned samples of 25143 Itokawa and 162173 Ryugu, to expand our knowledge of the solar system's history. OSIRIS is NASA's third element of its 'New Frontiers' programme, after New Horizons (to explore the Kuiper Belt) and Juno (to study the planet exerting the largest gravitational influence in the solar system). While studies of Bennu include significant commercial components – such as opportunities for space-mining and impact mitigation technologies – they also participate in a more timeless quest: to find out where life came from and what its fate could be. With OSIRIS's capsule, humankind virtually gets to hold infinity in the palm of the hand.

# The G-20's screen over 'mazdoors', their rights

**Rejimon Kuttappan**

is an independent journalist and the author of 'Undocumented'

On September 9 Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reading of the final declaration of the G-20 Summit was a political win for him and a diplomatic victory for India. The African Union was granted G-20 membership, and a sense of togetherness among the Global South was palpable.

However, there were fears that a joint communiqué would not be issued as the Russia-Ukraine war was ongoing and the divided interests of the G-20 members would affect it. But Mr. Modi made it happen – he softened the language from the Bali G-20 document criticising Russia, kept Ukraine out of the summit, skipped the issue of fossil fuels, read out the 83 paragraphs of the New Delhi Declaration, and symbolically handed over the gavel to Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who will now preside over the G-20.

Unfortunately, India missed a great opportunity to protect worker rights and advance the welfare of workers during the G-20 summit, despite the G-20's Labour 20 (L20), a coalition of G20 leaders concerned about workers, holding two meetings in India.

It is a matter of concern that the L20 was headed by the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), a trade union affiliated with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In short, the L20 was politicised. India's choice of the BMS had irked the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), a confederation of global trade unions, and they boycotted the meetings.

In the past, the L20 has been headed by the ITUC. However, this time it was ignored and the chair was given to the BMS, which prioritises right-wing politics over workers' interests. This incident itself reveals how 'serious' the Indian government was about workers' issues at the G-20. The BMS is not an independent trade union. In the absence of the ITUC, the L20 discussed portable social security schemes, data collection for these schemes, addressing skill gaps in two meetings, and had some words on platform workers.

**An exploitative labour system**

The Indian government should have taken the opportunity to address the serious issues facing workers in India, such as forced labour, modern-day slavery, and the *kafala* system in the Arab Gulf where some nine million Indians are working under exploitative working conditions. The Arab Gulf countries follow an exploitative labour system called the *kafala* system, which ties migrant workers to their employers. This system makes it difficult for migrant workers to leave their jobs or change employers, and it increases the risk of forced labour and modern-day slavery.

By politicising the L20 with the BMS and ignoring the ITUC, the Indian government missed a chance to make a real difference in the lives of workers. Portable insurance schemes are important, but they are not enough. Workers also need job creation, decent working conditions, equal pay, gender equality, the elimination of forced labour and child labour, an end to modern-day slavery, and the protection of their rights and the welfare of their families.

> India missed the ideal opportunity during the Delhi summit to protect the rights of workers and ensure their welfare

It would have been a relief for the Indian working class, especially in the Arab Gulf, had these issues been prioritised and debated at the G-20. Saudi Arabia, which hosts over 2.5 million Indian workers, is a permanent member of the G-20. Oman and the United Arab Emirates, which were invited to the summit, have nearly 8,00,000 and 3.5 million Indian workers, respectively.

India is the world's largest migrant-sending country, with an estimated 13 million workers abroad. Of these, an estimated nine million are working in exploitative conditions in the Arab Gulf.

But the exploitation of Indian workers is not limited to the Arab Gulf. In India itself, workers in a number of industries, including textiles, brick kilns, shrimp farming, copper manufacturing, stone cutting, and plantations, face forced labour and modern-day slavery.

According to the Walk Free Foundation, there are an estimated 27 million people trapped in modern-day slavery in G-20 countries, of whom 11 million are in India.

Many would be surprised with the term forced labour and modern-day slavery. According to the International Labour Organization, forced or compulsory labour is "all work or service which is exacted from any person under the threat of a penalty and for which the person has not offered himself or herself voluntarily".

It must be noted that India has signed and ratified the ILO's Forced Labour Convention known as C29.

In other words, forced labour is different from substandard or exploitative working conditions. Various indicators can be used to ascertain when a situation amounts to forced labour, such as restrictions on workers' freedom of movement, withholding of wages or identity documents, physical or sexual violence, threats and intimidation or fraudulent debt from which workers cannot escape.

**Not just an Indian problem**

My recent investigative experience of forced labour in the shrimp industry in Andhra Pradesh suggests that workers who are paid less or unpaid for overtime, under the threat of being fired if they ask for it, are victims of forced labour. Workers who are forced to work until they have paid off a loan they took from the company are also victims of forced labour. Companies that withhold workers' identity documents, such as Aadhaar cards or ration cards, and deny them access to the documents when required until the work is done are also engaging in forced labour. Issuing threats of sexual, physical, or mental abuse in order to get the work done is also forced labour.

Addressing forced labour and modern day slavery is important for India because the exploitation of workers would increase inequality, unstable social justice and threaten democracy.

In addition, we should not forget that the move by the Union government to consolidate the labour laws into four labour codes is drawing protests from trade unions, civil societies, and workers, who allege that it will have a negative impact on decent working conditions.

In India, there are 530 million workers, of whom 430 million are in the informal sector, who are prone to different forms of exploitation, especially forced labour.

This is not only an Indian problem. All G-20 countries face a similar situation. If we do not address the situation of workers, we will not be able to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals targets for 2030, especially the first one, which aims to eradicate poverty.

Without decent working conditions, how can a worker earn a living wage and keep themselves and their families out of poverty?

The Walk Free Foundation also reports that in 2021, the G-20 countries imported goods worth ₹41 lakh crore that were made by workers exploited under modern-day slavery. We as Indians do not care much about who made the product. However, we should not forget that products made under modern-day slavery will have the sweat, tears, and blood of workers who were forced to work under threat and inhumane conditions to make the products.

**Subjects not discussed**

The G-20 should have discussed investments in job creation, compliance with the promise of the fundamental principles and rights at work, ensuring minimum living wages and equal pay, social protection for all with official development assistance, establishing equality of incomes, gender, and race, and coordinating action on inclusion as the basis of a rights-based development model realised through multilateral reform that deals with the threats to our peace and common security.

Unfortunately, not much happened. Workers were ignored, just as green curtains were used to screen out the dwellings of the poor that were near areas of G-20 summit events to avoid embarrassment about the reality.

# The two heroes of 'Sanatana Dharma', their insights

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When Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan makes a point out of Sree Narayana Guru not using the word '*Sanatana*' as a prefix to '*Dharma*' in the name of his organisation, the intention is to clearly distance progressive elements within Hinduism from the 'majority' who supposedly follow the casteist '*Sanatana*' version. What Mr. Vijayan and other politicians do not seem to appreciate is that no Hindu reformer including Sree Narayana Guru criticised '*Sanatana Dharma*' or disowned it in favour of any other religion or philosophy.

**Features that are the most 'Sanatana'**

Orthodox opponents of 19th century reform movements such as Arya Samaj and the Ramakrishna mission called themselves '*Sanatani*sts' to emphasise permanence of ancient textual doctrines over dynamism and change, as the essential feature of Hinduism. Just like the many voices that resisted change right from the time of Adi Sankara to the Bhakti movement, these self-proclaimed '*Sanatani*sts' also remained on the wrong side of history. What they failed to realise – like some politicians of today – is that dynamism and propensity for reform are the most 'Sanatana' or ancient or original of Hinduism's '*Dharmic*' features. Which is why the reformers had no qualms in using the phrase '*Sanatana Dharma*' to describe their philosophies.

In the '*Satyartha Prakasa*', Swami Dayananda Saraswati called the '*Vedic Dharma*', bereft of many prevailing features of Hinduism including untouchability and idol worship, '*Sanatana Nityadharma*'. Few can dispute that the proud '*Sanatani*', Mahatma Gandhi, had the greatest role in bringing women into the country's social mainstream. In fact, it was Gandhians such as Renuka Ray and Hansa Mehta who first campaigned for reform in Hindu family laws despite facing stiff opposition, once again from self-proclaimed '*Sanatani*sts'. Their response was not to deride '*Sanatana Dharma*'. In the Central Assembly, Renuka Ray quoted verse after verse from the *Upanishads* and scriptures to highlight Hinduism's egalitarianism. Any effort to carve Hinduism into progressive and regressive blocks and label the latter '*Sanatana Dharma*' cannot overcome the influence and example of two icons of '*Sanatana Dharma*', i.e., Swami Vivekananda and Subramania Bharati.

> Any attempt to carve Hinduism into progressive and regressive blocks, labelling the regressive as 'Sanathana Dharma', cannot overcome the influence of Swami Vivekananda and Subramania Bharati

**The import of the Chicago speech**

Before Sree Narayana Guru built his movement for emancipation of low-caste Hindus in Kerala, Swami Vivekananda called the region a 'lunatic asylum' for the kind of barbaric practices Hindus perpetrated against each other. He used every kind of critical epithet to describe the state of Hinduism and its youth. This anger and call for action arose only from his grounding in '*Sanatana Dharma*'. Swami Abhedananda, Swami Vivekananda's chosen successor for his international mission, called the Chicago speech "an outline of *Sanatana Dharma*". He described the import of Swami Vivekananda's speech: "the word *Sanatana Dharma*, as you all know, means eternal religion. The eternal religion has no founder. By 'religion' we do not mean a particular set of doctrines and dogmas .... By religion it is not meant that we should accept some of the words written in a book (which may or may not be revealed) as infallible truth, whether the questions of minds are answered or not, but by religion is meant a solution of all the problems of life and death." It was this '*Sanatana Dharma*' that formed the basis of Swami Vivekananda's attack on "Sectarianism, bigotry, and its horrible descendant, fanaticism, (which) have long possessed this beautiful earth". It is essentially different from any religion that is static by virtue of having a single source. It is different because it is antithetical to dogma.

Bharati, an indirect disciple of Swami Vivekananda through his '*Dharma-Putri*' Sister Nivedita, was equally anguished by the state of material and spiritual debility to which India had sunk during his times. In a poem titled "*My Heart Seethes*" he writes, "Like blind children, they follow always... in this sacred land where once flourished more than a million ennobling arts, like senseless beasts, they now simply subsist." The allusion is to the path of '*Sanatana Dharma*' from which Indians have gone astray. For Bharati, without spiritual awakening, there could be no political liberation. It was Nandanar and Panchali of '*Sanatana Dharma*' who were inspirations in his fight against discrimination and oppression.

Vain attempts have been made to distance these icons from their '*Dharmic*' background. As Sahitya Akademi awardee Ka. Naa. Subramanyam says, "communists were never tried of quoting the poem of Subramania Bharati on the Russian Revolution often forgetting or wilfully withholding the fact, that he attributed to the Mother Goddess, of India as well as of the World, in fact the Maha Kali of the Universe, the Russian Revolution..." In his quest to make 'Vedanta' practical and meaningful to the lowest rungs of society, Vivekananda did not spare even the greatest of gurus such as Sankara and Ramanuja from criticism. This does not mean he thought outside the sphere of '*Sanatana Dharma*'.

**In perspective**

Recently, on September 11, Bharati was remembered on his death anniversary and the country celebrated the 130th anniversary of the Chicago speech at the World's Parliament of Religions. These are occasions to remind ourselves that Bharati and Swami Vivekananda could espouse '*Sanatana Dharma*' in a manner that appears to subvert its own established rules, only because as Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan says, "Hinduism is not bound up with a creed or a book, a prophet or a founder, but is persistent search for truth on the basis of a continuously renewed experience."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Cheetah project**

Why cannot we just let the cheetahs be? Instead of importing more cheetahs (Page 1, "Cheetahs may be flown in from new countries", September 27) I would suggest that we return the cheetahs already brought in from Namibia and South Africa since we seem to be unable to take care of them, whatever be the reasons. There seems to be an attempt to try and score a brownie point in time for the next general election. Will we try next to relocate blue whales from the Pacific into the Indian Ocean?

**A.R. Ramanarayanan,**
Chennai

When the weather conditions do not seem to be favourable to the cheetahs in our region, then why is a decision being taken to bring more cheetahs from other countries?

Perhaps India should try and manage with whatever cheetahs it has left to build the population.

**Murali Mohan P.V.,**
Chennai

**Salt intake**

Is the ICMR survey of salt intake by Indians unrealistic for the sub-tropical climate of India? The humid weather across most parts of the country makes people sweat more when they go out. Is more extensive research needed (Inside pages, "Indians eat more salt than WHO recommendation, September 27) taking the sub-tropical conditions in India into account, before falling in line with the recommendations?

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**Veteran actor and Phalke**

Waheeda Rehman is regarded as one of India's finest actresses and fondly remembered for her iconic roles in *Kaagaz ke Phool*, *Guide*, *Pyaasa*, *C.I.D.* and *Khamoshi*. What distinguishes her is that she has worked in both mainstream and arthouse movies with ease. She also helped set standards for onscreen decency .

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# From women's reservation to gender equality

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Last week, Parliament passed the women's reservation Bill, which provides one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies. Data from the Inter-Parliamentary Union show that the share of women in Parliament in India is around 15%. India ranks 141 out of 193 countries on this count. Even Pakistan, South Africa, and Kenya have a higher share of women representatives. Over the last 27 years, there have been several efforts to introduce the women's reservation Bill in Parliament. Such efforts faced opposition from different quarters. That there is a strong moral imperative to increase women's representation is beyond debate. The smooth passage of this law shows consensus around this issue.

Reservation for women in elections to the local bodies in India has resulted in increasing their participation in governance. Research by Tanya Jakimow of the University of New South Wales and Niraja Gopal Jayal shows that, contrary, to popular belief, elected women representatives have over time asserted their presence in spite of interference from male family members. A similar outcome may also be seen in higher elected bodies.

**Delimitation exercise**

However, implementation of the present law is contingent on the conduct of the next Census and the subsequent delimitation exercise. Census and delimitation are not purely administrative eventualities. There has been a freeze on delimitation since 1976 in order to provide a level-playing field for States to contain population growth. The southern States have been more successful in reducing population growth through a series of measures focused around women empowerment. It is now well understood that higher education among girls, increased female labour force participation, and greater financial autonomy among women directly correlate with lower fertility rates. Ironically, States which have improved indicators around women empowerment would now stand to lose seats to Parliament if a delimitation exercise is held.

Another central issue revolves around the legality of the contingency clause itself. Whether a law, let alone a constitutional amendment, can be contingent upon a uncertain future event requires determination by the constitutional courts. It is strange that a much-needed and near-unanimous legislative reform is now inextricably tied to another future law which may not be dealt with until after the next general elections to the Lok Sabha.

**Societal approach**

In spite of the law, and its laudable intent, the ultimate game changer lies in changing societal approach to gender roles. Representation of women to elected bodies must necessarily be seen in the larger context of female labour force participation in India, which is abysmal by any standards. Real and substantive gender justice will only be achieved when there is an equitable and fair sharing of household chores and domestic responsibilities, which are all aspects of unpaid labour.

Recent research from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation's Time Use Survey (2019) shows that for 97 minutes spent daily by men on unpaid domestic services for household members, women spend 299 minutes. Women spend 134 minutes on average daily on unpaid care-giving services for household members as compared to the 76 minutes spent by men. It is clear that women bear a disproportionate burden of household responsibilities. This is a result of a patriarchal societal mindset, which will need to change if women are to fully and effectively participate in the labour force, let alone hold the highest elected representative positions. In this context, government programmes which recognise unpaid labour done by women within households, such as the Magalir Urimai Thogai in Tamil Nadu, are designed to recognise and address the vast gulf in unpaid household labour.

The Urimai Thogai scheme is a monthly cash transfer programme. It is devised not as a largesse but as an obligation to women who carry a disproportionate burden in the household. While Tamil Nadu has already a greater number of women in the active labour force in comparison with the rest of the country, this scheme ,along with free bus passes for women, is expected to drive numbers up over the next two decades.

**Substantive justice**

Nevertheless, when the proportion of women in higher elected bodies increases in accordance with the present law, questions still remain with regard to building capacity for first-time representatives. Initiatives in other countries offer an interesting case study on sustaining women in the political arena. EMILYs List in the U.S. has been providing campaign guidance, mentorship and building capacity for women as they enter politics. Active for nearly four decades, EMILYs List has helped elect 201 members of Congress (equivalent to the House of the People) and 20 Governors (similar to Chief Minister).

Regardless of whether political parties actively groom women leaders, it is now the duty of the governments to build capacity and ensure that the reservation model leads to successful outcomes. The role of the National Commission for Women and the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women need to be significantly revised to ensure that the women reservation law does not stay a symbolic gesture. Similarly, the recognition of unpaid labour and equitable sharing of household duties will ultimately dictate whether substantive reform in gender equality is achieved.

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# Bonhomie to bitterness

## The Left parties are at a crossroads in Telangana

STATE OF PLAY

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The Left parties in Telangana have been unhappy ever since the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), led by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, announced candidates for 115 out of the 119 Assembly seats. They are angry that the BRS listed out its candidates even as it was still in talks with the Left parties over seat-sharing. During conversations with BRS leaders, the CPI had wished to field candidates from the Huzurabad, Wyra, Kothagudem, Munugode, Bellampally and Devarakonda constituencies, which it has represented in the past. The CPI(M) had said that it wanted its candidates to contest from the Miryalaguda, Palair, Bhadrachalam, Ibrahimpatnam, Madhira and Nalgonda constituencies. But Mr. Rao announced that BRS candidates would be fielded from all these constituencies. The fact that he did not concede even one seat for the Left has left the CPI and CPI(M) fuming. Moreover, the announcement came soon after the BRS joined forces with the Left in the bye-election to the Munugode Assembly constituency, to reverse the Bharatiya Janata Party (BRS)'s tide. For the Left, that bonhomie has given way to bitterness.

The Left parties claim that Mr. Rao appreciated their struggle against the BJP at the time of elections, but walked out of a possible alliance for the Assembly elections. They lament that they failed to gauge Mr. Rao's inconsistent stand towards the BJP. Earlier, the BRS supported the BJP on demonetisation and its candidate during the President's election. While the party would hit out against the BJP in Telangana, it did not attack the BJP at the Centre. This changed after the regional party began nurturing national ambitions. The Left believes that Mr. Rao is refusing an alliance due to political reasons and not due to seat-sharing concerns.

The announcement, which the Left parties say was "unilateral", has forced them to explore the possibility of allying with the Congress, as they are firmly against any kind of understanding with the BJP. Leaders of the Left have held meetings with the Congress in-charge, Manikrao Thakre, and conveyed their intention of contesting from the constituencies where they have a sizeable presence. The CPI(M) general secretary, Sitaram Yechury, and his CPI counterpart D. Raja have held talks with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, too. But so far, the Congress has remained non-committal on entering into an understanding with the Left parties. The Left, though, is still hopeful since the Congress, CPI and CPI(M) all played a crucial role in stitching together the INDIA alliance.

A look at political developments over the last few decades shows that the presence of the Left in Telangana has declined steadily over time. The Left parties were once a major opposition force in erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh; today, they are confined to a few pockets. "The strength and the presence of the Left has been coming down, but not their relevance. They fight against communal forces and continue to struggle against the policies of globalisation that are being implemented by successive governments," says senior journalist and political analyst Telakapalli Ravi.

A look at the Left's performance in previous elections shows how their vote share has been on the decline. The CPI, which fielded candidates in three constituencies in the 2018 polls, forfeited deposit in two and secured just 0.40% of the total votes polled. The CPI (M) candidates who contested from 26 constituencies forfeited their deposits in all of them. In 2014, when elections were held in united Andhra Pradesh, the CPI and the CPI (M) won one seat each, while forfeiting deposits in close to 100 constituencies in which they fielded candidates. The vote share of the two parties in 2014 was 0.53% and 0.84% respectively, according to the Election Commission of India.

With the Congress yet to announce its stand on a possible understanding with the Left, it is likely that the CPI and CPI (M) will be left with no option other than creating a platform with parties such as the Bahujan Samaj Party and Aam Aadmi Party, which is firming up plans to field candidates in Telangana in the next elections. Such an experiment will not be new as the CPI (M) took the initiative of forming the Bahujan Left Front in the run-up to the previous elections in a bid to unite representatives from the deprived sections. That, however, did not meet with much success.

# STs trail non-STs in 81 health measures: 2021 study

## The study evaluated 129 health indicators to compare the performance of Scheduled Tribes and non-Scheduled Tribes

DATA POINT

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In a recent study published in 'The Lancet Regional Health – Southeast Asia,' researchers provide a detailed analysis of the health, nutrition, and population trends of Scheduled Tribes (STs) from 2016 to 2021. Drawing from the National Family Health Surveys from 2016 and 2021, the authors contend that even though there is a noticeable improvement in the health and welfare metrics of STs, there are persistent disparities between the metrics of ST and non-ST populations, which demand urgent and consistent policy efforts.

The 2011 Census recorded over 104 million STs spread across 705 recognised ethnic groups. Even with targeted policies in place, STs, who make up 8.6% of India's population, face health and socioeconomic challenges. The study offers an overview of the performance metrics for STs, non-STs, and the overall population based on 129 parameters in 2021. It also highlights the contrast in the performance metrics of STs between 2016 and 2021, spotlighting areas of both progress and decline.

In 2021, the non-ST population outperformed the ST population in 81 out of 129 indicators. STs continued to face challenges, particularly concerning women's status and major public health issues such as child malnutrition, anaemia, insufficient vaccination coverage, and disparities in fertility and mortality rates. The 48 indicators on which STs surpassed non-STs include overall gender balance, gender balance at birth, use of family planning methods, consistent treatment during pregnancy, and adherence to recommended breastfeeding practices. Moreover, STs showed a reduced occurrence of diabetes and hypertension compared to non-STs.

The research divided the 129 indicators into 21 themes to evaluate the comparative performance of STs and non-STs in 2021. The chart shows the number of indicators on which the STs outperformed the non-STs or vice versa. The circles labelled as 'yes' in the chart are indicators where STs outperformed non-STs and those laballed 'no' indicate the opposite.

Aside from the indicators focused on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in adults, STs are at a disadvantage in almost all categories. The study says that the areas where they face greater vulnerability need dedicated policy efforts. The mortality rate for children under five in the ST community was alarmingly high, with 50 out of every 1,000 children not reaching their fifth birthday. Additionally, child malnutrition was a pressing issue, as more than 40% of ST children under five were stunted, with a similar percentage being underweight. The study also highlights new challenges for STs. For instance, from 2016 to 2021, there was a significant rise in high blood pressure levels among ST men and women aged 15-49, with increases of 7.5% and 8.9%, respectively.

Between 2016 and 2021, the ST population registered improvements in 83 of the selected 129 indicators (not visualised in the chart). During these years, STs experienced major improvements in access to improved sanitation facilities (an increase of 30.4 percentage points between 2015-2016 and 2019-2021). Similarly, more births were being attended to by skilled health personnel (an increase of 13 points) and full vaccination coverage among children aged 12-23 months (an increase of 18.6 points). The civil registration of births among STs also increased from 76% in 2016 to 88% in 2021.

The study contends that India's progress on various policy metrics concerning population, health, and nutrition hinges on the ability of its marginalised groups, with the STs being a significant segment.

### Comparing health metrics

Under each indicator, the circles labelled as 'yes' ● in the chart are indicators where STs outperformed non-STs and those laballed 'no' ● indicate the opposite. All figures are in percentage

Source: Paper titled, "Population, health and nutrition profile of the Scheduled Tribes in India: a comparative perspective, 2016–2021", published by The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia. Authors: S.V. Subramanian and William Joe

Abbreviations- Infant mortality rate: IMR; Antenatal care: ANC; Family planning: FP; Blood sugar level: BSL; Blood pressure: BP

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO** SEPTEMBER 28, 1973

## First batch of POWs to go home to-day

New Delhi, Sept. 27: A group of about 840 Pakistani prisoners of war and civilian internees will be turned over to Pakistan at Wagah border to-morrow marking a milestone in the protracted efforts of India and Bangladesh to heal the wounds of the 1971 conflict and normalise relations in the sub-continent.

They form part of the first batch of 1,680 POWs and civilian internees whom India has decided to repatriate. The rest of the batch will cross into their homeland on Saturday.

The decks were cleared yesterday for the repatriation of the first batch, with Pakistan accepting India's suggestions designed to ensure "unhampered" transfer of the POWs.

The repatriates have left Allahabad in two trains – one yesterday and another to-day. The first train will steam into Wagah to-morrow morning and the repatriation will take place at 9 a.m.

(According to Radio Pakistan, the first train, reaching Wagah to-morrow, carries 842 repatriates, including two officers of the Pakistan Medical Corps and two Army nursing assistants. The second group, reaching Wagah on Saturday, carries 848 POWs and civilian internees. The radio said it would broadcast a running commentary on the arrival of the repatriates.)

All but four of the 842 repatriates crossing into Pakistan to-morrow are civilian internees.

India and Pakistan have agreed that the repatriation of Pakistani prisoners of war and civilian internees to-morrow and the day after will not interrupt the expeditious clearance of overland tourist traffic and the Afghan fresh fruit consignments.

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO** SEPTEMBER 28, 1923

## Warning to cyclists

The Hon. Bench Magistrate, Egmore for the last two weeks disposed of more than 150 cases in which cyclists were prosecuted for riding after sunset without red reflectors. The plea generally put up by the accused was that they were not aware of the existence of the bye-law requiring them to do so or that reflectors were not available in the market. Since these offences were brought before them for the first time, the Magistrate imposed only nominal fines between four annas and eight annas.

From Page One

## Hit jobs on foreign soil not India's policy: EAM

Canada and India have exchanged diplomatic fire over the past week, requiring each other to downsize their missions and exchanging sharp words. Canadian government officials had, even as recently as Tuesday, said that they were concerned about foreign interference in Canada's politics.

Asked for a comment on the reported sharing of intelligence between Five Eyes countries on Nijjar's killing, and reports that the United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had warned certain persons about threats to their lives after the incident, Mr. Jaishankar said, "I'm not part of the Five Eyes." He added, "I'm certainly not part of the FBI."

The Five Eyes is an intelligence alliance comprising Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

When asked if he was provided with any evidence by the Canadian government linking Indian government agents to Nijjar's alleged killing, especially evidence of intercepted communications, Mr. Jaishankar did not clearly confirm or deny whether he had seen such documents. "Are you asking if the Canadians gave us documents?" he said.

When asked again if the Canadians had given him or the Indian government a document regarding India's intercepted diplomatic communications, he said, "I have said that if somebody gives us specific or relevant information, we're prepared to look at it."

Mr. Jaishankar was again pressed on whether he had received the evidence of purported intercepted communications. "If I had, would I not be looking at it?" he said.

He was pressed further for a "yes" or "no", at which point Mr. Juster, the moderator, intervened.

## Manipur govt. extends AFSPA for six months

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) had registered a *suo motu* case on July 19 to investigate a transnational conspiracy by the Myanmar-based leadership of these terror outfits to wage a war against the government by "exploiting the current ethnic unrest".

The State government is now mulling a "one district, one force" deployment of security forces, for better operations. Other than the State police, around 40,000 Central security forces, including the Army, have been deployed in the State.

The notification by the Manipur government said that detailed assessment of the ground situation could not be done as "the sister security agencies are preoccupied in maintenance of law and order".

The notification added that the "issue of declaration of 'disturbed area' status is very sensitive and may likely attract public criticism and resistance if proper care is not taken".

"Keeping in view of above and the overall law and order situation in the State and the capability of the State machineries, the State Government has decided to maintain status quo on the present disturbed area status in the State of Manipur excluding the areas falling under the 19 police stations," the notification said.

The 1958 law gives unbridled power to the Army and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) deployed in "disturbed areas" to kill anyone acting in contravention of the law; to arrest people and search any premises without a warrant; and protection from prosecution and legal suits without the Union government's sanction.

Both the State and Union governments can issue notifications regarding AFSPA. Currently, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has issued "disturbed area" notifications only for Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. The notifications for Manipur and Assam have been issued by their respective State governments.

# NIA holds searches in six States, detains several over 'terror links'

The searches were aimed at dismantling alleged nexus among terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers linked to a Canada-based 'listed terrorist', and taking action against international weapon suppliers, financiers, logistics providers

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**Joint operation:** Police personnel outside a residential property during an NIA search in Dehradun district on Wednesday. PTI

The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday detained several suspects during searches across six States and one Union Territory as part of a crackdown on the alleged nexus among terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers linked to a Canada-based "listed terrorist", Arshdeep Singh Gill, alias Arsh Dalla, and other gangsters.

The searches started in the early hours with the assistance of the local police. The NIA teams zeroed in on 53 locations, from where pistols, ammunition and a large number of digital devices were seized. They included places in Amritsar, Moga, Fazilka, Ludhiana, Mohali, Faridkot, Barnala, Bhatinda, Ferozpur, SAS Nagar, Amritsar and Jalandhar of Punjab.

The searches were also conducted in Rohtak, Sirsa, Fatehabad and Faridabad in Haryana; Sri Ganga Nagar, Jhunjhunu, Hanumangarh and Jodhpur in Rajasthan; Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh; Dehradun and Udhamsingh Nagar in Uttarakhand; in and around Delhi; and Chandigarh.

**Notorious gangsters**

Besides Arsh Dalla, those under the NIA scanner in these searches were notorious gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi, who is currently lodged in the Ahmedabad jail; accomplices of Sukhool Singh, alias Sukha Duneke, who is said to have been killed by unknown assailants in Canada's Winnipeg last week; Harry Maur; Narender, alias Lali; Kala Jatheri and Deepak Tinu.

"These were the seventh in the series of such crackdowns launched by the NIA following the registration of five cases since August 2022, including two new cases registered against the organised criminal gangs in July 2023," the agency said.

The cases allege conspiracies of targeted killings, terror funding of pro-Khalistan outfits and extortion by the gangsters, many of whom are lodged in various jails or are operating from countries such as Pakistan, Canada, Malaysia, Portugal and Australia.

The NIA said the fresh searches were aimed at dismantling the terror-gangster-drug smuggler nexus by taking action against weapon suppliers, financiers and logistics providers associated with various gangs and their operatives. "These gangs are working with drug smugglers and terrorists based out of other countries, including Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Portugal, etc.," it said.

The NIA probe has revealed that conspiracies were allegedly being hatched in jails of different States and executed by an organised network of operatives based abroad.

Notable among such conspiracies were the sensational killing of Maharashtra builder Sanjay Biyani, mining trader Mehal Singh and international kabaddi player, Sandeep Nangal Ambia, in Punjab last year.

**Fled overseas**

Many gangsters and criminals, who were earlier leading these gangs in India, have fled overseas in recent years and are now pursuing their terror and violence-related activities from there, the agency said. Their roles in serious crimes such as contract and revenge killings are being investigated. These groups are also involved in the smuggling of drugs and weapons, *hawala* operations and extortions.

These gangs came on the NIA radar following reports that several prisons had become havens of nexus between gangsters and a battleground for rival gangs, resulting in violence. Two inmates were beaten to death in Punjab's Goindwal Jail in February.

The agency had earlier searched over 370 locations, leading to the seizure of 38 arms, including four lethal weapons, along with 1,129 rounds of ammunition. It has so far frozen 87 bank accounts and attached 13 properties, apart from seizing 331 digital devices, 418 documents and two vehicles.

Two of the wanted accused have been notified as "designated individual terrorists" under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 15 declared "proclaimed offenders" and Interpol Red Notices issued against nine on the NIA's request.

## Man lynched over suspicion of theft of a banana

**Samridhi Tewari**
NEW DELHI

A 26-year-old man was tied to an electric pole and beaten to death in northeast Delhi's Sundar Nagri area on Tuesday on suspicion of theft, the police said on Wednesday.

The family alleged that Isar was beaten to death for stealing a banana from a temple in the neighbourhood.

"Local people claimed he was found stealing a banana. How can anybody tie a person to a pole and beat them to death," asked Isar's sister Imrana, standing in front of their one-bedroom house in clustered Sunder Nagri.

According to the police, the incident took place on Tuesday at the G4 block in Sunder Nagri of Nand Nagri. Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said

the body was shifted to the GTB hospital and a post-mortem was conducted on Wednesday.

The police have registered a case under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code.

Isar worked as a daily wage labourer and people remember him for doing small-time chores that earn ₹20-50 every day.

# Malayalam survival drama *2018* is India's official Oscar entry this year

**The Hindu Bureau**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

**Joint effort:** The film was selected for its very relevant theme on climate change, a filmmaker says.

Malayalam survival drama *2018: Everyone is a Hero* has been chosen as India's official entry to the best foreign language film category at the 96th Academy Awards, making it only the fourth film from the language to be chosen for the honour.

Before this, *Guru* (1997), directed by Rajiv Anchal and starring Mohanlal; *Adaminte Makan Abu* (2011), directed by Salim Ahamed; and *Jallikattu* (2019), filmed by Lijo Jose Pellissery, were chosen as the country's official entry for the Oscars, but none of these films got nominated.

Directed by Jude Anthany Joseph, *2018* is based on the unprecedented rain and flood that hit Kerala in 2018. With an ensemble cast including Tovino Thomas, Vineeth Sreenivasan, Aparna Balamurali, Kalaiyarasan, Kunchacko Boban, Lal, Narein, Tanvi Ram and others, the film became a moving reminder of the days when everyone in Kerala, irrespective of their religion, caste or political inclinations, came together to help people in distress.

**'Message of unity'**

It also became one of the biggest grossers of all time for the Malayalam film industry, at a time when the theatres in the State were facing a crisis as a majority of films tanked at the box office.

Tovino Thomas, one of the lead actors, said in an Instagram live that the entire crew had put in a lot of effort to pull off the film despite many constraints. The nomination will take the message of unity depicted in the film to the world, he said.

Earlier, addressing a press conference at the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce, Chennai on Wednesday, filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli, chairman of the selection committee, announced that the Film Federation of India (FFI) picked the Malayalam film for its very relevant theme of climate change and the travails of people against the backdrop of what has been understood as "development".

Ravi Kottarakara, FFI President, said a 16-member committee led by Mr. Kasaravalli screened several films before making their decision.

## EPFO likely to give employers extension to validate joint forms

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Employers cite technical delays in the EPFO website as reason for the extension demand**

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is likely to give yet another extension to the employers to validate the joint options of employees for higher provident fund (PF) pension. The last date for submitting the validated applications is on September 30. Employers are learnt to have approached the Union Labour Ministry demanding yet another extension citing technical delays in the EPFO website and issues in accessing employment details of the applicants.

A source in the Ministry indicated that extension of another three months is likely. The source indicated that the Ministry is considering the requests of employers and will take a lenient view. The last date for submitting the joint options for employees ended on July 11.

The EPFO had opened the online facility to submit joint options on February 26 as part of implementing a Supreme Court verdict on higher PF pension. The time to submit the joint options was supposed to end on May 3. Later, trade unions and representatives of employers had approached Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav requesting him to extend the time limit. It was first extended to June 26 and again to July 11 to employees and the three more months till September 30. The EPFO had said it received a huge number of applications for validation of joint options.

## Chhattisgarh retracts plea against PMLA provisions

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed Chhattisgarh to withdraw its petition challenging the legality of provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The State's withdrawal comes a day after Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul informed in open court that the Supreme Court has constituted a special three-judge Bench to review a July 2022 judgment which upheld amendments introduced in the PMLA which gave the Enforcement Directorate (ED) wide powers to arrest and summon individuals and search private properties.

# Protesters assaulted policeman in Manipur and torched vehicle: police

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

School students staging a protest rally against the killing of two Meitei youth, at Moirangkhom in Imphal West on Wednesday. PTI

Several people were injured in the valley districts of Manipur on Wednesday as protests continued for the second day after the photos of bodies of two Meitei students who went missing in July surfaced on social media earlier this week.

The Manipur Police said an unruly crowd tried to attack the house of a political leader and the joint security forces repelled the crowd by firing tear gas shells. It said that protesters assaulted a policeman, snatched his weapon and torched the police vehicle.

"Manipur Police condemns such action and will take stern steps to deal with such miscreants. Combing operations are being carried out for recovery of arms and catching miscreants," a statement said.

It added that there were several protests and rallies in connection with the photos of the bodies of the two missing students but the police used minimum force. "Miscreants in crowd used iron pieces and stones against security forces. In retaliation, security forces used minimum force to disperse the congregation," the police said.

The statement came amid allegations that the Rapid Action Force (RAF), the Centre's anti-riot police force, used pellet guns against the protesters.

A senior government official said that the RAF is not using pellet guns for crowd control measures in Manipur and only tear gas guns and tear-gas grenades were being used.

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh met student union leaders and "concerns regarding the alleged harsh actions by the police during recent protests were discussed", said a statement. It said the State government would take the responsibility for the medical treatment of all students who were injured during the protests.

# Kharge seeks dismissal of Manipur CM as the State witnesses fresh protests

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge

Alleging that Manipur has been turned into a battlefield where violence against women and children has been "weaponised", Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dismiss the State's "incompetent" Chief Minister N. Biren Singh.

Mr. Kharge's remarks, posted on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), come a day after the Manipur government ordered a fresh ban on mobile Internet and the closure of schools in the State, after pictures of the bodies of two students went viral on social media. The two students, hailing from the Meitei community, were reported missing in July. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

"The horrific images of students being targeted in this violence has once again shocked the entire nation," Mr. Kharge said. "It is now apparent that violence against women and children was weaponised in this strife. The beautiful State of Manipur has been turned into a battlefield, all because of the BJP!" he added.

The Congress chief said that sacking the CM was a necessary first step to control further turmoil. He also questioned why Mr. Modi has not yet found time to visit the State, which has been suffering from a spate of ethnic violence for the past 147 days.

Lok Sabha member Gaurav Gogoi urged the Prime Minister to "take up the responsibility of bringing normalcy to the State".

# Huge possibility for India, U.S. to back each other: Jaishankar

'It's useful for the U.S. to have partners who frankly think well of the U.S. and speak well of the U.S., often behind your back,' says the External Affairs Minister; he identifies technology, defence and politics as top three priorities for the relationship

**Sriram Lakshman**
NEW YORK

India and the U.S. have an "enormous possibility" to enhance each other's interests, according to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

"I think you will find the convergences today, far, far outweigh the divergences," he said, adding that he did not want to think of the India-U.S. partnerships in terms of limits but, rather, in terms of possibilities – that is, looking at how much the countries could "step on the gas".

Mr. Jaishankar was speaking in New York at the Council for Foreign Relations, following his address to the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The U.S. is "readjusting" to the world, Mr. Jaishankar said. Part of this is a long-term consequence of its wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the other part is due to the world becoming more democratic and opportunities being more widespread.

**Boosting ties:** External Affairs Minister S.Jaishankar with veteran diplomat Kenneth Juster at an event of the Council for Foreign Relations in New York. PTI

Washington is getting into more fluid partnerships, he said, citing the Quad as an example, where the U.S. is in partnership with two treaty allies, Australia and Japan, and one non-ally, India. The U.S. and India are looking at the world and assessing where real and potential partnerships lie.

The Minister said the bilateral relationship had changed significantly in the past five years, across technology, people-to-people, security, economic and political domains.

**Top three priorities**

Mr. Jaishankar identified technology, defence and politics as the top three priorities for the relationship.

Highlighting the importance of technology as a determinant of the balance of power in the world, Mr. Jaishankar said the India-U.S. relationship had to focus very strongly on technology. The United States was an "optimal choice" for India, as per the Minister, who said, the U.S. too had a finite set of potential partners to work with.

A technology partnership spilled over into defence and security, he said.

Mr. Jaishankar suggested that India was a useful link between the U.S. and the Global South, which had become very distrustful of the Global North.

"It's useful for the U.S. to have partners who, frankly think well of the U.S. and speak well of the U.S., often behind your back," he said to laughter from the audience.

**Human rights**

The interaction at the CFR included several testy exchanges between Mr. Jaishankar and those asking questions. The Minister pushed back against concerns around democratic and human rights backsliding in India and allegations that the government had not adequately and expeditiously responded to the crisis in Manipur.

Reiterating his position around India performing worse in terms of freedom and democracy indices (published, for instance, by U.S. think tanks), Mr. Jaishankar dismissed these reports, alleging an ideological bias.

"Many of these reports are actually riddled with inaccuracies," he said, adding, "So I put it to you that there is an ideological agenda out there."

# High level of military tension with China over past three years: Minister

**Sriram Lakshman**
NEW YORK

There has been a "high level of military tension" with China over the past three years, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has said, characterising the overall state of "very abnormal" relations between New Delhi and Beijing since the border clashes of 2020.

"If you look at the last three years, it's a very abnormal state. The contacts have been disrupted. Visits are not taking place. We have, of course, this high level of military tension," Dr. Jaishankar told an audience in New York during a conversation with former U.S. Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster at the Council of Foreign Relations.

The situation had also impacted the perception of China in India, which was recovering after the war with China in 1962, according to Dr. Jaishankar. The Minister suggested the issue with China was not just immediate or medium term but possibly longer.

S. Jaishankar says that before, during and after the LAC clashes, he had been in touch with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi. FILE PHOTO

The very large number of troops amassed at the border – in violation of agreements – had completely impacted the relationship, he said, explaining that it was very hard to try and be normal with a country that "had broken agreements".

"One of the pleasures of dealing with China is that they never quite tell you why they do things," Dr. Jaishankar said sarcastically to laughter from the audience.

The relationship has never been easy, he added.

Dr. Jaishankar said that before, during and after the clashes along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the summer of 2020, he had been in touch with his Chinese counterpart (at the time, Wang Yi) but none of the different explanations from the Chinese side had been tenable.

"At various points of time, the Chinese have given us different explanations, none of them are really tenable," he said, adding that the countries' troops have been trying to disengage since the border clash, and seven or eight of the forward deployments out of "maybe 10" had been resolved (that is, a disengagement of troops).

Jairam Ramesh

# Congress flags Adani-linked firm, demands JPC probe

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday alleged that the Securities and Exchange Board of India was "reluctant" to investigate the allegations against the Adani Group, and reiterated its stance that only an investigation by a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) would reveal the truth.

Citing a news report, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said the "stench of illegality" around another Adani-linked shell company, Opal Investment, was getting stronger. The Congress leader said "fresh revelations" show the firm, which controls ₹8,000 crore worth of equity in Adani Power, was set up as a "single person company" in Dubai in May 2019.

**'Single-person firm'**

"This raises several serious questions. How does a single-person firm based in Dubai come to control 4.7% of equity worth ₹8,000 crore in Adani Power, India's largest private power generation firm? Is Opal not yet another Adani front engaged in illegal round-tripping and blatantly violating Indian securities laws," Mr. Ramesh asked in a X post.

"And why is it doing so, whose funds are these actually? What are PM Modi's retirement plans after May 2024," he asked.

He said the "glacial and reluctant" SEBI investigation did not seem to be producing any answers.

"The only way forward is a JPC that investigates the full story behind the mega Adani Scam," Mr. Ramesh said.

# Meta's India team delayed action against misinformation led by Army in J&K: report

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Facebook parent Meta's Indian team delayed action against an organised propaganda and misinformation operation led by the Indian Army's Chinar Corps in Jammu and Kashmir for a year, *The Washington Post* reported on Wednesday, citing former employees at the company. The report said Army officials met representatives of Twitter and Facebook, and defended the operation as a counter to Pakistani misinformation networks.

The report cited members of Meta's coordinated inauthentic behaviour (CIB) team for Facebook, whose brief was to flag fake profiles and networks of accounts that artificially amplified messages on the social network around the world. When the team flagged the Chinar Corps's alleged operation, Meta staff in India reportedly "warned against antagonising the government of a sovereign nation over actions in territory it controls", and expressed concern that local employees "could be imprisoned for treason", the *Post* reported.

It is unclear what the Chinar Corps' network was posting, but the report cites "disinformation that put Kashmiri journalists in danger", adding that many CIB employees at Facebook quit the company after Indian Meta staff stymied any pushback. The operation reportedly targeted Srinagar-based media outlet *The Kashmiriyat* and its editor, Qazi Shibli. *The Hindu* has reached out to Army representatives for comment.

Army officials allegedly defended the operation as a counter to Pakistani misinformation networks.

"As a global company, we operate in an increasingly complex regulatory environment and are focused on keeping people safe when they use our services and ensuring the safety of our employees in a manner consistent with applicable laws and human rights principles," Meta said in a statement shared with *The Hindu*, adding that it prohibited coordinated inauthentic behaviour on its platforms.

This is not the first time the social media firm has been accused of allowing propaganda networks in India to go unchecked. In 2020, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that posts by Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA T. Raja Singh calling for violence against Rohingya immigrants from Myanmar were not taken down, in spite of warnings from Meta staff in the U.S., because of pushback from Ankhi Das, Mr. Thukral's predecessor.

# 12-year-old girl found bleeding on Ujjain street; police confirm rape

**Congress leaders accuse Madhya Pradesh government of failing to provide safety for women**

**The Hindu Bureau**
RAIPUR

A girl, aged around 12, was found bleeding on a street in Ujjain city of Madhya Pradesh, and medical examination confirmed that she had been raped, the police said on Wednesday.

The girl was found wandering in a semi-clad condition on Monday, the police said. She is currently under treatment at a hospital in Indore. CCTV footage shows the 12-year-old trying to seek help but being turned away by several people. This led to a furore on social media.

Opposition parties have criticised the Madhya Pradesh government for the "lack of safety for women" in the State.

"A girl, aged around 12 years, was found bleeding on a street located under the Mahakal police station area in Ujjain on Monday [September 25]. She was taken to a hospital, where her initial medical examination confirmed that she had been raped," Superintendent of Police (SP) Sachin Sharma said.

Mr. Sharma added that going by the girl's accent, she appeared to be from Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh but only further investigation could confirm it. CCTV footage captured on cameras installed at different places in Ujjain established that the girl was wandering for over two hours before she found help.

The girl found help near Dandi Ashram – a residential gurukul – whose manager Rahul Sharma offered assistance.

"I saw a girl standing close to the Ashram gate. She was bleeding, was half-naked and her eyes were swollen. She seemed scared and tried to move away. I first gave her a cloth [to cover herself] and assured her that she had nothing to fear. I then enquired what had happened but she spoke in a language that I did not understand," Mr. Sharma told *The Hindu* over the phone.

Mr. Sharma and the gurukul staff provided her some food and informed the police.

Till Wednesday evening, the police have not been able to trace the girl's family.

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra said that one person had been taken into custody and a special investigation team had been formed.

The Congress has stepped up its attack on the BJP government in the State with former party president Rahul Gandhi calling it an attack on the "heart of mother India". State Congress president and former Chief Minister Kamal Nath demanded the harshest punishment for the criminals and demanded that medical treatment and financial assistance of ₹1 crore be provided.

*(With PTI inputs)*

# FATF reports used to target NGOs, says Amnesty

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Indian authorities are exploiting the recommendations of global terrorism financing and money laundering watchdog to target civil society groups and hinder their work, the Amnesty International said on Wednesday.

It said the recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), have been abused by Indian authorities to bring in draconian laws to stifle the non-profit sector. "The FATF must hold the Indian authorities accountable for the persistent weaponisation of its recommendations," Aakar Patel, chair of the board at Amnesty International India, said.

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**Tender Notice No: 11/2023-2024/JDO / Dated.25.09.2023**
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Item Rate tender through online only** will be received **upto 02.11.2023, at 14.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Chennai** for **One High Level Bridge Work** in respect of **Cuddalore (H) Projects Division** under **Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Programme 2023 – 2024.**
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6. Available of bid document in the website. : From **10.00 A.M. of 30.09.2023** to **5.30 PM of 16.10.2023.**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.17.10.2023 at 11.30 AM**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
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| Package No | Name of Work | Tender Security | Tender Fee |
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| EPC 04 | Formation of New Six lane road from Vengathur (Design Chainage : Ch 58+200) to Sengadu (Design Chainage : Ch 68+200) with paved shoulders and two lane service road on both sides in Section-III of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project under Package-EPC 04 on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode including maintenance for 7 years. | INR 46.00 million or an equivalent amount in convertible foreign currency | INR 30,000/- or an equivalent amount in foreign currency |

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## INBRIEF

### President says investment in urban development has risen

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said that India has increased its overall investment in urban development by more than 10 times over the last decade. At a felicitation ceremony for the winners of the India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC) 2022 in Indore, Ms. Murmu said there was a need to learn from the best practices and business models of the world's best-managed cities. Ms. Murmu also spoke about the focus of G-20 nations on areas pertaining to urban development. She said that Urban-20, which is a sub-group of the G-20, is working to establish a practice of collaboration between cities.

### Stop using newspapers for packing food items: FSSAI

Consumers and food vendors across the country have been urged to immediately stop using newspapers for packing, serving, and storing food items. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Wednesday issued this directive, expressing concern over the health hazards associated with the use of newspapers for wrapping or packaging food. The CEO of FSSAI, G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, said that there are significant health risks associated with this practice, and the move seeks to alert consumers, food vendors and other stakeholders to the dangers. "The ink used in newspapers contains various bioactive materials with known negative health effects, which can contaminate food and lead to health issues when ingested," he said.

# India ageing, elderly to make up 20% of population by 2050: UNFPA report

**Study says challenges facing India's ageing population are the feminisation and 'ruralisation' of older population, and policies must be framed accordingly; data show that women, on an average, have a higher life expectancy at the age of 60 and 80 when compared with men**

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

With the decadal growth rate of the elderly population of India estimated at 41% and its share of the total population projected to double to over 20% by 2050, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), India, in its 2023 India Ageing Report, has said that by 2046, it is likely that the elderly population will have surpassed the population of children (aged up to 15) in the country.

More than 40% of the elderly in India are in the poorest wealth quintile, with about 18.7% of them living without an income, the report said, adding that such levels of poverty may affect their quality of life and healthcare utilisation.

The report, unveiled by the Secretary, Social Justice, Saurabh Garg and UNFPA India Representative Andrea M. Wojnar here on Wednesday, projected that the population of people aged 80 and above will grow at a rate of around 279% between 2022 and 2050 with a "predominance of widowed and highly dependent very old women" – a finding in line with the pattern across several nations.

The data showed that women, on an average, had a higher life expectancy at the age of 60 and 80 when compared with men – with variations across the States and Union Territories.

For instance, in Himachal Pradesh and Kerala, women at 60 have a life expectancy of 23 and 22 years, respectively, which is four years more than that of men at 60 in these States – as compared with the national average differential of only a year and a half, the report said.

**Higher life expectancy**

Life expectancy of women at 60 is greater than 20 years in States such as Rajasthan, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, raising concerns about their social and economic well-being, the report said.

Further, the sex ratio (number of females per 1,000 males) among the elderly has been climbing steadily since 1991, while the ratio in the general population has been stagnating. Between 2011 and 2021, the ratio increased in India as a whole and across all regions, barring the Union Territories and western India.

In the northeast and the east, while the sex ratio of the elderly increased, it remained below 1,000 in both years, indicating that men still outnumber women in these regions even at 60-plus years.

This, however, is not true for the other regions (which has a bearing on the country's average).

"A case in point is central India, where the sex ratio went from 973 in 2011 to 1,053 in 2021, implying that the women caught up with and outperformed the men in survival after 60 years over the decade," the report said.

**'Inherently gendered'**

"Poverty is inherently gendered in old age when older women are more likely to be widowed, living alone, with no income and with fewer assets of their own, and fully dependent on family for support," the report said, pointing out that the major challenges facing India's ageing population are the feminisation and 'ruralisation' of this older population and that policies must be designed to suit their specific needs.

The report noted that there was a significant inter-State variation in absolute levels and growth (and hence, share) of the elderly population as well, reflecting the different stages and pace of demographic transition across States.

Most States in the southern region and select northern States such as Himachal Pradesh and Punjab reported a higher share of the elderly population than the national average in 2021, a gap that is expected to widen by 2036, the report said.

While the States reporting higher fertility rates and lagging in demographic transition, including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, expect to see an increase in the share of the elderly population between 2021 and 2036, the level will remain lower than the Indian average, the report said.

Compared with southern and western India, central and northeastern regions have States with younger groups as indicated by the ageing index.

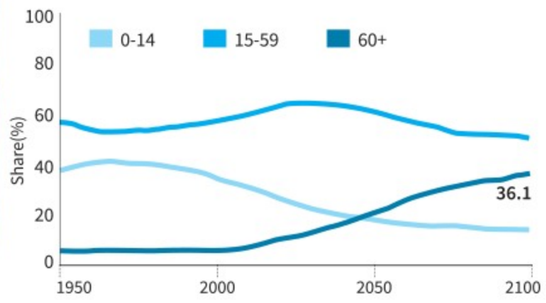
"In the southern region, the old-age dependency ratio (elderly people per 100 people between 15 and 59 years) was higher than the national average at around 20 as is true of western India at 17. Overall, Union Territories (13) and the north-eastern region (13) reflected lower old age dependency ratios," it said.

### Turning grey

The chart shows the share of age groups in India's total population from 1950 to 2100. The share of the population over the age of 60 years is projected to increase from 10.5% in 2022 to 20.8% in 2050. The elderly will form over 36% of the total population of the country by the end of the century

**Ageing society:** Women at an old-age home in Agartala. PTI

- A sharp growth in the elderly population from 2010 onwards accompanied a decline in those aged below 15
- The population size of elderly in India will be higher than that of children aged 0-14 four years before 2050




SOURCE: INDIA AGEING REPORT 2023

# 'Seeds with multiple tolerance will be a game-changer'

**A.M. Jigeesh**
NEW DELHI

Swati Nayak, scientist, International Rice Research Institute South Asia Regional Centre (ISARC), known for her research on climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties, recently won the Norman Borlaug Field Award given by the World Food Prize in honour of the agricultural scientist and Nobel laureate.

Dr. Nayak had organised more than 10,000 on-farm and comparative testing for more than 500 climate resilient, high-yielding, bio-fortified and healthier seed varieties.

Placing her research in the smallholder farmers' perspective, Dr. Nayak said developing high yielding inbreeds (non-hybrids) from old seed varieties and the focus on climate-resilient and climate-responsive varieties rich in micronutrients had been the innovations of this decade. The combined efforts of various national and international organisations resulted in developing such varieties, she told *The Hindu*.

She is also focused on preserving the landrace of seeds found in the country. "Lifestyle diseases are certainly a concern. We need more low glycemic index varieties of rice which are with micronutrients. Next decade should be dedicated to such kind of research," Dr. Nayak said.

Giving out the example of the traditional *Kala Namak* seed variety of paddy found in eastern India, she said own varieties have to be conserved for both scientific and cultural purposes. "We need to empower the farming community to help them produce better quality of seeds and maintaining their germplasm. It will help them in better yield and better taste of the grain. The yield may not be competitive, but market positioning shall help farmers to help better price for these seeds," she said.

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> IRRI scientist

**Different accessions**

Researchers around the country are trying to evaluate different accessions of seed varieties, she said. "We collect multiple accessions and assess it. We validate it for yield and market aspects. For example, we have identified two or three best accessions for *Kala Namak* and we are now focusing on scaling and capacity building of these seeds. The seeds will be available for larger production purposes soon. There is demand. But we have to now work on how to consolidate on this demand," she said.

The effort of the scientific community is to make seeds affordable for small holders without much cost, investment and infrastructure. "Average yield is a matter of concern, especially for eastern States. There is still room for increasing and stabilising the productivity. Bringing high yielding seeds and fighting climatic, biotic and abiotic risks. Scientists are fighting along with farmers in this process. Resilient varieties replacing the regular varieties is like an insurance. We need to ensure that these varieties are accessible to farmers," she said.

**Climate change**

Maintaining that climate change is a reality and its induced damages on agriculture cannot be ignored, she said the country has a lot of climate-resilient varieties now, which can face conditions of drought and floods.

"The efforts are also to develop seeds with multiple tolerance to floods, droughts and pests. It is a package so that farmers do not have to look for so many options. The system will also be focused on what to produce and what to grow. These new-generation varieties will be a game-changer. They will be available as options for farmers in next two or three years," she said. On fortified rice, she said her personal opinion is in favour of bio-fortified foodgrains. "Looking at the perspectives of both farmers and consumers, I would suggest that bio-fortified rice is the most low cost, intensive and affordable way to address the nutrition challenge. It will directly go into their consumption system. Bio-fortified rice can be produced in bulk volume and it is not cost intensive. It could be the future and the way forward," she said adding that the country needs good products to convince farmers for bulk production.

"A buy-back guarantee or incentives for farmers for cultivating these special varieties will give a boost to the production," she said.

# Indian Navy to unveil 'Swavlamban 2.0' next week: Vice-Chief

**Dinakar Peri**
NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy will release its updated indigenisation road map, named 'Swavlamban 2.0', next week, which will provide an update on what has been achieved so far and the way ahead, Vice-Admiral Sanjay Singh, the Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, said on Wednesday.

The Navy has surpassed its target set last year to develop 75 futuristic technologies in partnership with domestic Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and start-ups, and these will be unveiled at the second edition of the Swavlamban seminar and exhibition to be held on October 4 and 5, Vice-Admiral Singh told presspersons.

"These technologies and products are built to world-class standards but at a much more economical cost as they are built in India," he added.

Last year, the Indian Navy had committed to developing at least 75 technologies as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. "I am happy to inform you that the promises made last year have been fully met, and even surpassed in some cases, primarily through the SPRINT initiative [Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through Innovation for Defence Excellence], the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation and the Technology Development Acceleration Cell," the Vice-Chief said. The Swavlamban road map aims to collaborate, coordinate, and develop new technologies in partnership, he added.

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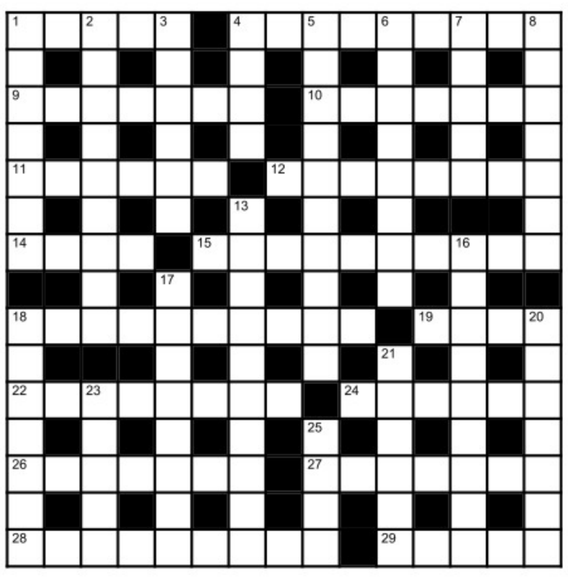

**Across**

**1** Names everyone in class, discontentedly (5)
**4** Drove naked, sustained by shocks and green lights (9)
**9** Revitalised an empty settlement (7)
**10** Seabird with a bit of gas, breathing heavily (7)
**11** Boy, getting old (around ten, almost), ran off (6)
**12** Chair sides with motion at the outset, amidst apprehensions (8)
**14** Essentially set lay crossword - style is simple (4)
**15** Speech following last month's award (10)
**18** Herb medics ground and smeared? (10)
**19** Partition between India and Pakistan, after not the best union? (4)
**22** College community claimed: "A campus that has bounced back substantially" (8)
**24** Oddly, CEO branded as a key component of our vision (6)
**26** Solo, featured-in-a-movie, clothed-in-wild-garb dance (7)
**27** Nike perhaps goes over dad's limits, son (7)
**28** "Leaf's quality?" Gardener: "Nonsense - so uneven!" (9)
**29** CSK: Siraj's reverse carries dangers (5)

**Down**

**1** Spooner says, give money to TV provider with competence (7)
**2** Employ A-list stars, mostly for fans (9)
**3** A drop of eggnog replacing egg in scones leads to tantrums (6)
**4** Author abruptly kills husband in vehicle (4)
**5** Notes from The Hindu say: "Gussalufz carrying on, yes" (5,5)
**6** Delivery from Gussalufz's baker? (3,5)
**7** Actress Bhatt's other name (5)
**8** Girl getting involved in two crimes registers presence (5,2)
**13** Tear C. Vitae's redraft, start once again (10)
**16** One disparages Sri Lankans? (9)
**17** Fantastic HR guide! New professional, known to transform one's life conclusively (5,3)
**18** New-gen baba gets a cushy seat (4,3)
**20** Research Assistant hides body (7)
**21** One caught in a conflict backed red cosmetic (6)
**23** American women are well-informed (5)
**25** Food drives? (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Mawlid al-Nabhi

Prophet Muhammed (Peace and blessings be upon him) was a mercy to the universe. His life ever shines as a symbol of light and guidance for all times and for all the people. He was the last messenger of God to humanity and the seal of the Prophets. To the oneness of God is what he called, said Syed Meeran in a lecture.

He was born in Arabia almost 600 years after the death of Jesus (Peace and blessings upon him) in the city of Makkah on the 12th day of the third month of Rabbi Ul Awwal. Majority of the Muslims view Mawlid al-Nabhi, the birthday of Prophet Muhammed, as a means to teach their communities about his way of the life, which all Muslims seek to emulate. Some others refuse to participate, feeling it is an innovation which places too much emphasis on the Prophet as human and distracts from the true divine source of revelation. Throughout the world, there are a variety of expressions for the observance of the birth of the Prophet: some celebrations take place simply in private homes; other Muslims decorate their local mosque with lights and hold large festive gatherings. Celebrations of Mawlid al-Nabhi include sharing of food, attending lectures about the Prophet's life and virtues, salawat prayer services, participating in marches, and reciting the Koran, litanies, and devotional poetry of the Prophet.

## INBRIEF

### Mercedes shows limited AMG G 63 'Grand Edition' SUV at ₹4 cr.

Mercedes-Benz India unveiled limited AMG G 63 'Grand Edition' SUV in India with prices starting at ₹4 crore. The vehicle would be available for exclusive allocation to Mercedes-Maybach, Mercedes-AMG and S-Class customers. Only 25 units of the 1,000 units made globally, would be available in India. Deliveries would commence from Q1 2024, the firm said. "The AMG G 63 is an SUV with a cult following across the world," said Santosh Iyer, MD & CEO, Mercedes-Benz India.

### Crisil upgrades Suzlon Energy ratings after debt repayment

Renewable solutions provider Suzlon Energy said Crisil upgraded its ratings by two notches to BBB+/A2 with positive outlook. This is the result of Suzlon's successful debt reduction, repaying the entire term debt through the proceeds of qualified institutional placement of about ₹2,000 crore, as per a statement. "This is a validation of our dedication to sound financial management, operational excellence and sustainable expansion," said Group CFO Himanshu Mody. PTI

### Aurobindo arm, Singapore firm sign child-vaccine pact

Aurobindo Pharma's wholly owned subsidiary Auro Vaccines has entered into a licence agreement with Hilleman Laboratories Singapore Pte. Ltd. to develop, make and commercialise a pentavalent vaccine candidate for children. Auro would make milestone payments to Hilleman upon achieving certain development and clinical-study outcomes. Hilleman would also be paid royalties upon commercialisation of the vaccine candidate, Aurobindo said in a filing.

# 'Ultra-long g-secs to see good demand from insurers, pension funds in H2'

India is set to make its first-ever issuance of 50-year government bonds as part of its plan to raise ₹6.55 lakh crore in market borrowings in the second half of the fiscal year ending in March 2024; government to also sell 30-year green debt securities

**Reuters**
MUMBAI

India's first-ever issuance of 50-year government bonds and 30-year green bonds can be easily absorbed by insurance firms and provident funds, which are keen and have been looking for avenues to park long-term funds, officials said.

The government aims to raise ₹6.55 lakh crore through the sale of bonds in October-March. This would include ₹30,000 crore of the 50-year security, the first such auction by the central government.

"Long-term investors like insurers will have a natural demand for the 50-year paper. Most insurance companies require longer-duration bonds for their asset-liability management," said Churchil Bhatt, executive vice president at Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance.

"The insurance sector requested the 50-year paper's issuance," he said, adding that the anchor for its pricing would "naturally be the current 40-year bond". Other market participants like provident funds and pension funds were also likely to actively participate in the bond auction, traders said.

The government also reintroduced green bonds for the second half. It aims to raise ₹20,000 crore through such notes, half of which would be through the new 30-year papers.

"There are few public sector (companies) issuing longer-term bonds," said Rahul Bhuskute, chief investment officer at Bharti AXA Life Insurance.

"New avenues like longer-term green bonds would be of some comfort to insurance companies in terms of regulatory compliance with investments in their desired duration."

Sampath Reddy, CIO at Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, said they invested in green bonds earlier and may choose to invest more in the second half as supply comes up.

#### Long-term parking

India's 50-year bonds are set to be easily absorbed by insurers, pension funds looking for instruments to park long-term funds

- Govt. aims to raise ₹6.55 lakh crore through the sale of bonds in the October-March period
- Most insurers require longer duration bonds for their asset-liability management, says Kotak Mahindra Life's Bhatt
- Current 40-year bond seen as the anchor for pricing the new ultra-long government securities

# 'Petrochem firms facing cost pressures, margin erosion'

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Ashwin C. Muthiah

Petrochemical firms are facing short-term challenges following the withdrawal of anti-dumping duty on Linear Alkyl Benzene (LAB) in April 2022 including margin erosion and subdued demand on faster inflation, according to Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd. (TPL) Vice-Chairman Ashwin C. Muthiah.

LAB suppliers in the market were experiencing price competition mainly due to the presence of unorganised players offering lower-priced products, he told TPL's shareholders while addressing the AGM.

Notwithstanding the adverse factors, considering the projected growth for the LAB market in India, TPL is working on augmenting the capacity of the LAB plant from the existing 1,20,000 tonnes per annum to 1,45,000 tonne per annum at a cost of ₹240 crore.

TPL also plans to modernise the caustic soda plant at a cost of ₹165 crore in 18 months, raising the production capacity to 250 tonne per day from 150 tonne. The company is also revamping the Heavy Chemicals Division unit.

TPL recorded the 'highest-ever' revenue of ₹2,150 crore and a net profit of ₹89 crore in FY23. However, like other petrochemicals makers, TPL saw margin erosion as it was unable to pass on rising input costs on subdued demand.

# Vedanta falls 6.7% on ratings downgrade

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Shares of Vedanta Ltd. fell almost 7% on Wednesday after Moody's Investors Service downgraded the rating of its parent firm Vedanta Resources Ltd. (VRL). The stock plunged 6.74% to close at ₹208.95 on the BSE, after earlier hitting an intraday 52-week low of ₹208.

Moody's downgraded VRL's rating because of the elevated risk of debt restructuring over the next few months, as the firm had not made progress on refinancing its upcoming debt maturities, "in particular the $1 billion bonds maturing each in January 2024 and August 2024," said Kaustubh Chaubal, Moody's Senior Vice President and lead analyst on VRL. Moody's said it had downgraded the corporate family rating of VRL to Caa2 from Caa1.

Moody's also maintained a negative outlook. VRL's credit quality was constrained by its weak liquidity because of large refinancing needs and interest expenses amid tightening financing conditions in global capital markets, the agency noted.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | WEDNESDAY | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 66,119 | 0.26 |
| US Dollar | 83.22 | 0.07 |
| Gold | 59,600 | -0.50 |
| Brent oil | 96.81 | 2.82 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 2483.30 | 25.35 |
| Adani Ports | 830.70 | 9.35 |
| Apollo Hosp | 5105.35 | 51.65 |
| Asian Paints | 3301.80 | 9.00 |
| Axis Bank | 1025.20 | 11.05 |
| Bajaj Auto | 5032.95 | -36.25 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1565.75 | -1.95 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7837.55 | -33.10 |
| Bharti Airtel | 920.25 | 7.55 |
| BPCL | 349.00 | -2.65 |
| Britannia Ind | 4627.35 | 27.20 |
| Cipla | 1180.50 | 16.85 |
| Coal India | 291.55 | 4.80 |
| Divis Lab | 3768.00 | 14.20 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 5496.45 | 28.70 |
| Eicher Motors | 3479.70 | 7.55 |
| Grasim Ind | 1931.10 | -26.90 |
| HCL Tech | 1261.10 | -0.35 |
| HDFC Bank | 1526.85 | -10.80 |
| HDFC Life | 648.20 | 3.95 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 3006.35 | -28.00 |
| Hindalco | 474.95 | 3.45 |
| Hind Unilever | 2501.75 | 22.80 |
| ICICI Bank | 943.10 | -5.60 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1436.45 | 13.40 |
| Infosys | 1467.00 | 6.35 |
| ITC | 449.15 | 6.70 |
| JSW Steel | 779.60 | -0.05 |
| Kotak Bank | 1765.15 | 1.05 |
| L&T | 2965.05 | 52.50 |
| LTIMindtree Ltd. | 5436.90 | 73.85 |
| M&M | 1589.20 | -6.00 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 10680.75 | 124.10 |
| NestleIndia | 22873.00 | -132.55 |
| NTPC | 239.30 | -0.90 |
| ONGC | 187.25 | -0.50 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 199.35 | 1.00 |
| Reliance Ind | 2368.90 | 26.40 |
| SBI Life | 1301.00 | 11.30 |
| State Bank | 589.75 | -4.65 |
| Sun Pharma | 1139.95 | 14.10 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 888.85 | -6.35 |
| Tata Motors | 620.15 | 0.35 |
| Tata Steel | 128.15 | -0.75 |
| TCS | 3589.30 | 3.60 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1288.65 | 6.35 |
| Titan | 3214.55 | -48.05 |
| UltraTech Cement | 8262.70 | 33.80 |
| UPL | 615.10 | -2.45 |
| Wipro | 415.65 | 2.75 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 27

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 83.03 | 83.35 |
| Euro | 87.61 | 87.95 |
| British Pound | 100.81 | 101.21 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 55.65 | 55.86 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.36 | 11.40 |
| Swiss Franc | 90.44 | 90.81 |
| Singapore Dollar | 60.57 | 60.81 |
| Canadian Dollar | 61.34 | 61.59 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 17.63 | 17.71 |
| Australian Dollar | 52.88 | 53.09 |

Source:Indian Bank

# Apollo buys hospital in Kolkata for ₹102 crore

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Apollo Multi Specialty Hospitals Ltd. (AMSHL), has acquired a 1.4-acre land parcel with a partially built hospital owned by Future Oncology Hospital and Research Centre in Kolkata's Sonarpur for ₹102 crore.

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise's wholly owned unit has acquired the assets relating to the partially built hospital with a total capacity of 325 beds as part of its plan to expand in the eastern region, the company said in a statement.

The first phase, with 225 beds over 1.75 lakh square feet, will be commissioned in the next 12 months.

# KX to help harness potential of GenAI

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

Ashok Reddy

U.K. and New York-based KX, which is into vector (representation of things) and time-series data management (the AI arm that understands time), has entered the Indian market with software offerings to help enterprises and developers harness the full potential of generative AI (GenAI).

The company, which caters to investment banks, life and health sciences, semiconductor, telecom and manufacturing sectors, announced the availability of KDB.AI Cloud, its free-to-use vector database for users in India.

KX asserted that the twin announcements would empower Indian enterprises, developers, and start-ups to develop AI solutions that were 'cutting-edge, responsible, inclusive, and tailored' to India's specific needs.'

CEO Ashok Reddy said the total addressable market for AI in India was estimated to reach $4.2 billion by 2030, adding that India would rapidly emerge as a global leader in AI.

# Confectioner Lotte expands India unit at a cost of ₹185 cr.

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Lotte India has expanded its confectionery unit in Nemam, near here, by investing ₹185 crore to meet the rising domestic demand and also to support potential opportunities for exports in the future.

The expansion would enable the confectioner to raise the production of its iconic Lotte Choco Pie products, to 1,420 tonne per month from the current 545 tonne per month, the firm said in a statement.

MD Milan Wahi said the firm was now set to welcome 200 workmen in its expanded factory. In FY23, sales stood at ₹657 crore.

# 'Use AI and sustainable construction materials'

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Industry experts urged the construction sector to adopt technologies like AI and sustainable materials in order to achieve Net Zero and efficiency goals.

"India's infrastructure development presents a remarkable opportunity, driven by government initiatives and investments," said Alok Ranjan, Partner, Tauran Advisors. "Just 20% of the required infrastructure for 2050 exists today, posing both a challenge and opportunity," he added, on the sidelines of a roadshow for the upcoming World of Concrete India 2023 exhibition.

# TRAI seeks suggestions on connectivity, mobile porting

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Wednesday released four consultation papers.

The paper on a rating framework envisages a system where facilities such as hotels, stadia and other structures where there is a lot of cell traffic, are rated for how good the digital connectivity is, essentially incentivising them to improve the coverage of mobile signals as well as Wi-Fi.

The paper seeks specific feedback on how such appraisals should be done, and the role of telcos and tower firms.

The second paper is on a proposal to delicense the E band (71-76 and 81-86 gigahertz) and V bands (57-64 GHz) of spectrum, essentially leaving them free for anyone to use, just as Wi-Fi spectrum is not licensed. Microwave Access (MWA) and Microwave Backbone (MWB) spectrum are also addressed.

In another paper, TRAI has asked whether higher frequency bands could be delicensed, meaning they could be used without buying the airwaves in an auction. Different bands of spectrum between 116 GHz and 246 GHz have been proposed for delicensing. TRAI has also asked whether there are any terahertz-range spectra that should be delicensed.

The final paper suggests a tweak to the MNP regime, which allows people to switch telcos while retaining their number. SIM cards, replaced in the preceding 10 days shouldn't be allowed to port, TRAI suggested. The DoT also suggested requiring people who port to have existing KYC information compared with the forms filled for the new connection, but this was not incorporated in TRAI's draft rule.

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No.:-ACE/AJ/TECH/F2(30A-Ajmer)/D-2261 Date: 20.09.2023
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Bids for 03 No. Work are invited from interested bidders upto 12.00 Noon on Tuesday 03 October 2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1009.68 Lacs.
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| 1. | RCC/ENG-M/2021/E-69 | Replacement of Old MS waterlines at terrace areas and provision of water filtration system and standby pump to the water supply system in RCC, TVM | ₹ 39,83,953/- | 60 days |
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Last date for the bid submission is **17-10-2023, 05.00PM.** Further details can be had from Engineering Division, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695011, during normal working hours (09.00am to 4.30pm) OR visit our Website: **www.rcctvm.gov.in**
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Fill No. 3071 Date: 16/09/2023
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Bids for 3 nos civil works are invited from interested bidders from 18.09.2023 to dated 27.09.2023 upto 06:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://sppp.raj.nic.in and eproc.rajasthan.gov.in of the state. The approximate value of the procurement in Total Rs. 546.77 Lacs.
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**2. WRD2324WSOB01244**
**3. WRD2324WSOB01247**
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
**Commissionerate of Agriculture,**
Seshadri Road, Bengaluru – 560001
**No.: AD/2023-24/SE0064** **Date: 22.09.2023**
**SHORT TERM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**
The Department of Agriculture invites Request for Proposals (RFP) from OEM / Manufacturers / Importers / MoU Holders for supply of Farm Machineries and Agro-Processing Units to farmers under Departmental subsidy Programmes and CHSC Centers. The interested OEM / Manufactures / Importers / MoU Holders who are interested to participate in this RFP can submit their proposals through e-Procurement platform **(https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**
The interested OEM / Manufacturers / Importers / MoU Holders can download the tender documents through e-Procurement free of cost by payment of applicable e-Procurement processing fees and the EMD amount as fixed by the Department. Applications for RFP can be downloaded from the website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **27.09.2023** to **11.10.2023.** The last date for submission of proposals in e-Procurement platform is **11.10.2023, 4:30 p.m.** The Technical Bids will be opened on **13.10.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** at **Samruddi VC Hall, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001.**
The Hard copies (Physical Deposition) of the Technical and Financial Proposals along with other relevant documents uploaded in the e-Procurement portal will be received at the Office of the **Deputy Director of Agriculture (Farm Mechanization & Micro irrigation), Department of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru-560001** till **4:30 p.m.,** on or before **Dt: 12.10.2023.**
The interested Manufacturers / OEM / MoU Holders have to register at the e-procurement cell, **Centre for e-Governance, 4th Floor, Sri Arvinda Bhavan, Mythic Society Compound, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001** and obtain the DSC key or e-token **(Helpdesk: 080-46010000 / 68948777).**
**NOTE: e-Procurement processing fee is non-refundable and Tender documents are non transferable.**
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DIPR/CP/LC/1420/2023-24

COLOMBO

## Second tranche of IMF bailout to Sri Lanka may be delayed

AFP

Sri Lanka's second tranche of a $2.9 billion bailout package from the IMF is likely to be delayed due to the inconclusive nature of the cash-strapped nation's external debt restructuring even as the global lender said on Wednesday that it will continue discussions to reach a staff-level agreement. PTI

BEIJING

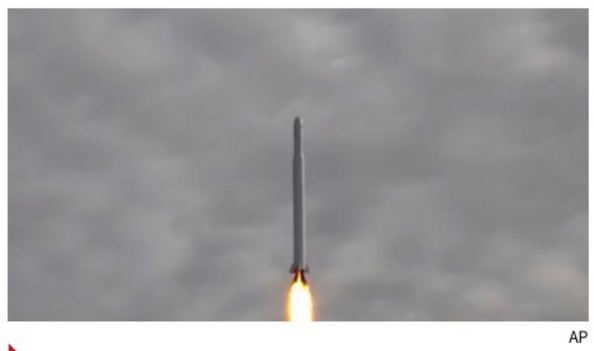
## Owner of China's troubled real estate developer Evergrande held

AFP

The billionaire boss of beleaguered Chinese property developer China Evergrande is being held by police, a report said on Wednesday, as the debt-ridden company grapples with severe financial difficulties. Xu Jiayin, who is known as Hui Ka Yan in Cantonese, is being held under "residential surveillance". AFP

TEHRAN

## Iran says it 'successfully' launched military's new imaging satellite



AP

Iran's Revolutionary Guards "successfully" launched a new military imaging satellite on Wednesday, in the latest display of its aerospace technology which has sparked Western concern. "The Nour-3 imaging satellite... was successfully placed in orbit 450 kilometres above earth," the IRNA news agency said. AFP

PARIS

## French Ambassador to Niger returns to Paris following tension

AFP

France's Ambassador to Niger landed in Paris on Wednesday, after weeks of tensions with the post-coup regime in the West African country who demanded his expulsion. French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna met Sylvain Itte "to thank him and his teams for his work in the service of our country under difficult conditions". AFP

# At least 100 killed, 150 injured in Iraq as fire engulfs wedding hall

Indoor fireworks believed to be likely cause for the blaze; emergency exits proved inadequate for hundreds of guests trying to escape; nine staff members held, warrant issued against owners of the venue; three days of national mourning declared

**Agence France-Presse**
QARAQOSH

**Charred remains:** A firefighter checks the damage at a wedding hall in Iraq's Hamdaniyah after a fire broke out on Wednesday. AFP

At least 100 people were killed when a fire ripped through a crowded Iraqi wedding hall, officials said on Wednesday, pointing to indoor fireworks as the likely cause for the blaze that sparked a panicked stampede for the exits.

More than 150 people were injured by the flames, the choking smoke or in the crush to flee the reception hall, which was reduced to charred debris and piles of twisted furniture under a partially collapsed ceiling.

"I thought there had been an explosion," said Martin Idriss, 19, who was working in the kitchen when the fire broke out on Tuesday evening in the venue in the mainly Christian northern town of Qaraqosh.

"The flames were devouring the whole hall," he said.

"When I went back in, I saw the charred bodies of three children," he said, adding that the venue's emergency exits had proved "inadequate" for the hundreds of guests trying to escape.

Early reports and unverified video footage online suggested that flares shot up sparkling flames that ignited ceiling decorations before the fire engulfed highly flammable construction materials.

Health authorities "counted 100 dead and more than 150 injured in the fire at a marriage hall in Hamdaniyah", as the town is also known, Iraq's official INA news agency reported in what it called a "preliminary tally".

The casualty toll was confirmed by Health Ministry spokesman Saif al-Badr, who said most of the injured were being treated for burns, oxygen deprivation and crush injuries sustained in the struggle to escape.

The Iraqi Red Crescent reported more than 450 casualties, without providing a breakdown of deaths and injuries.

Civil defence authorities said the hall had been fitted with prefabricated panels that were "highly flammable and contravened safety standards".

The danger was compounded by the "release of toxic gases linked to the combustion of the panels", which contained plastic, they said in a statement.

"Preliminary information" suggested indoor fireworks had ignited the blaze, they said.

Nine of the venue's staff were arrested and four arrest warrants issued for its owners.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani declared three days of national mourning.

# Back-channel talks with China exist, but there is little progress: Tibetan leader

**Suhasini Haidar**
DHARAMSHALA

Sikyong Penpa Tsering

Confirming that a "back-channel" between Tibetan representatives of the Dalai Lama and Chinese representatives exists at present, the Sikyong (elected leader) of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) said, however, that their talks had not progressed enough to be discussed publicly.

In an interview to *The Hindu* here at the headquarters of the CTA, Sikyong Penpa Tsering said the CTA backs the Dalai Lama's call for the "Middle Way" that demands more autonomy from China, but not independence, a statement that the spiritual leader had repeated to journalists on Monday. To questions about whether he faced challenges from younger members of the Tibetan community who are "restless" about the lack of progress in talks, he said this is something China should consider. While the CTA holds regular elections among Tibetan refugee voters in more than 25 countries, they are not recognised as a government-in-exile, and most countries worldwide recognise the Tibetan Autonomous Region as a part of China.

"We follow the Middle Way, and believe that a non-violent peaceful negotiated mutually beneficial lasting solution to Sino-Tibet conflict could contribute towards peace in South Asia. If the Dalai Lama can return with his followers to Tibet that would be one thorn removed, certainly for India and China as well," Mr. Tsering said in the interview.

"I tell my people, if you have to resolve Sino-Tibet conflict through the Middle Way, then there is no alternative but to talk to the Chinese authorities. Right now, the Chinese are very suspicious... So, all I can say is [that] we do have back-channels, beyond that I can't say anything, as [these talks] haven't moved beyond a certain stage where we would be comfortable to speak about it," Mr. Tsering said, adding that the community needs to prepare its younger generations for their struggle for rights to continue for possibly "30, 40, 50 years".

**Dalai Lama's successor**

Speaking about the plans for the 88-year-old Dalai Lama's spiritual successor, or what Tibetan Buddhists believe would be his "reincarnation or emanation", Mr. Tsering said that while the Dalai Lama is expected to live for many decades, a decision could be announced in 2025, when the Dalai Lama turns 90.

"The only document relating to [the Dalai Lama's] reincarnation, or the next Dalai Lama is the September 2011 document, which says that when His Holiness reaches the age of 90, then he will consult and take some decisions [regarding succession]," he explained, adding that the question over the succession worries authorities in Beijing who, he said, "seem to be more worried about the [next] 15th Dalai Lama than the present one".

The last phase of official talks between China and representatives of the Dalai Lama were held over nine rounds from 2002 to 2010, and ended with a stalemate.

In 2011, the Dalai Lama's special envoys resigned their positions, expressing "utter frustration over the lack of positive response from the Chinese side", and the talks have not so far been raised to the official level since Chinese President Xi Jinping took office in 2013.

As a result, several members of the so-called Tibetan Parliament in Exile (TPiE) and youth groups in Dharamshala have been calling for a revision of the policy for talks with China from 'Umay Lam' (Middle Way) to 'Rangzen' (Independence).

"We have heard these promises for dialogue before, but how can we trust Xi Jinping and the CCP? This push for Middle Way is killing the movement for Tibetan independence and suppressing voices in the community who are demanding independence for Tibetans," 37-year-old Namgyel Dolka Lagyari, who was elected by the Tibetan diaspora to the TPiE in 2016, said.

# Azerbaijan arrests former leader of Nagorno-Karabakh

**Associated Press**
YEREVAN

Azerbaijan said it arrested the former head of Nagorno-Karabakh's separatist government as he tried to cross into Armenia on Wednesday, following Azerbaijan's 24-hour blitz last week to reclaim control of the enclave.

The arrest of Ruben Vardanyan appears to reflect Azerbaijan's intention to quickly and forcefully enforce its grip on the region.

**Vardanyan's past**

Mr. Vardanyan, a billionaire businessman who made his fortune in Russia where he owned a major investment bank, moved to Nagorno-Karabakh in 2022 and served as the head the regional government for several months before stepping down earlier this year.

# 'U.S. soldier who crossed into N. Korea is in American custody'

**Associated Press**
SEOUL

The U.S. soldier who sprinted into North Korea across the heavily fortified border between the Koreas two months ago was released into American custody on Wednesday, according to two officials.

Earlier, North Korea said it would expel Pvt. Travis King – an announcement that surprised some observers who had expected the North to drag out his detention in the hopes of squeezing concessions from Washington at a time of high tensions between the rivals.

Pvt. King's expulsion almost certainly does not end his troubles or ensure the sort of celebratory homecoming that has accompanied the releases of other detained Americans.

And there remain unanswered questions about the episode, including why Pvt. King went to North Korea in the first place. His fate also remains uncertain, having been declared AWOL by the U.S. government. That can mean punishment by time in military jail, forfeiture of pay or a dishonorable discharge.

Pvt. King was transferred to American custody in China, according to one of the officials.

King, who had served in South Korea, ran into North Korea while on a civilian tour of a border village on July 18, becoming the first American confirmed to be detained in the North in nearly five years.

# Sport

# Roshibina on the threshold of glory in the Sanda event

ASIAN GAMES WUSHU

**Aashin Prasad**
HANGZHOU

**Living up to the promise:** Roshibina overpowered Thi Thu Thuy Nguyen to make the final. PTI

Naorem Roshibina Devi's path in fighting was predestined even when she was a child. Roshibina would pick fights with the boys in her neighbourhood in Bishnpur, Manipur.

"*Game khelte khelte jagada ho jaata hai*. (Playing would turn into fights). Dad used to say that I would definitely end up in sports," remembers Roshibina as she convinced her father, who is a farmer, to let her take up Wushu Sanda as a career option. Her father's approval would be vindicated once again – Roshibina has a bronze from 2018 – when she fights for the gold medal in the Asian Games on Thursday.

At the Xiaoshan Guali Sports Centre on Wednesday, Roshibina overpowered World Championship silver medallist Thi Thu Thuy Nguyen of Vietnam 2-0 to make the women's 60kg Sanda final. This will be India's second final in the Sanda form as Roshibina has a chance to win India's first gold at the continental games.

# Malla, Dipendra go berserk in Nepal's record-breaking show

ASIAN GAMES CRICKET

**Agence France-Presse**
HANGZHOU

Nepal became the first men's team in history to score more than 300 runs in T20 international cricket on Wednesday as it rewrote the record books against Mongolia at the Asian Games.

Opting to bat, Nepal bludgeoned 314 for three in its 20 overs, beating the previous highest of 278 for three by Afghanistan against Ireland in 2019.

It then dismissed Mongolia for 41 to register a record 273-run win.

**Fastest 100 and 50**

Teenager Kushal Malla spearheaded the onslaught by smashing the fastest T20 International century off 34 balls, bettering the 35-ball efforts David Miller (South Africa), Rohit Sharma (India) and Sudesh Wickramasekara (Czech Republic).

Kushal (137 n.o., 50b, 8x4, 12x6). GETTY IMAGES

Dipendra (52 n.o., 10b, 8x6). GETTY IMAGES

Kushal went on to score an unbeaten 137 off 50 balls with 12 sixes and eight fours.

Dipendra Singh Airee then hit a scarcely believable eight sixes in an unbeaten 52 off 10 balls and his half-century off nine balls erased the previous mark of 12 balls by India's Yuvraj Singh.

Nepal's 26 sixes in the innings was also a record, beating Afghanistan's 22 against Ireland.

**The scores:**
Nepal 314/3 in 20 overs (Kushal Malla 137 n.o.; Rohit Paudel 61, Dipendra Singh Airee 52 n.o.) bt Mongolia 41 in 13.1 overs.

# Jehan to race for Maserati next year

MOTORSPORTS

**Sports Bureau**
CHENNAI

Jehan.

Indian racer Jehan Daurvala will make his professional racing debut next year in the FIA Formula E Championship with Maserati MSG Racing.

After four seasons in Formula 2, Daruvala will switch to the single-seater electric series next year, partnering with Maximilian Günther.

The 24-year-old was the reserve driver for Indian team Mahindra Racing this year in Formula E alongside his Formula 2 commitments for MP Motorsport. He will be the second Indian after Karun Chandhok – who raced for Mahindra Racing in the first year in 2014-15 – to enter Formula E.

"I am super excited for my first season in Formula E and my first season as a professional racing driver. I think it will be the hardest challenge in my career, and I am looking forward to it," said Daruvala. "I learnt a lot on the sidelines last year because Formula E is very different from what I am used to. But now I am looking forward to being a race driver."

MEDAL ASSURED

## Ramkumar and Myneni move into semifinals, ensure podium finish

Ramkumar Ramanathan and Saketh Myneni edged past Yibing Wu and Zhizhen Zhang 6-1, 7-6(8) in the men's doubles tennis quarterfinals to assure themselves of a medal. Earlier, Sumit Nagal and Ankita Raina bowed out in the quarterfinals of the singles events. Ankita, partnering Yuki Bhambri, also lost in the mixed doubles.

WINNING START

## Indian women's hockey team proves too good for Singapore

Indian women's hockey team started off its Asian Games campaign with a 13-0 victory over Singapore in a Pool A match on Wednesday. **The result:** India 13 (Udita 6-PC, Sushila 8, Deepika 11-PC, Navneet 14-PC, 15, Deep Grace 17-PC, Neha 19-PC, Sangita 23, 47-PC, 53, Salima 35, Monika 52, Vandana 56) bt Singapore 0.

60 AND GOING STRONG!

## Al-Rashidi shoots men's skeet gold, reveals recipe for success

Kuwait's 60-year-old Abdullah Al-Rashidi won the men's skeet gold, his country's first yellow metal of the Hangzhou Asian Games. "Today I only missed one out of 110 targets," said the veteran of seven Olympics (two bronze medals). "This happens when you play every day, you exercise, go swimming, and eat well."

SENSATIONAL

## All of 13, Cui is China's youngest gold medallist at Asian Games

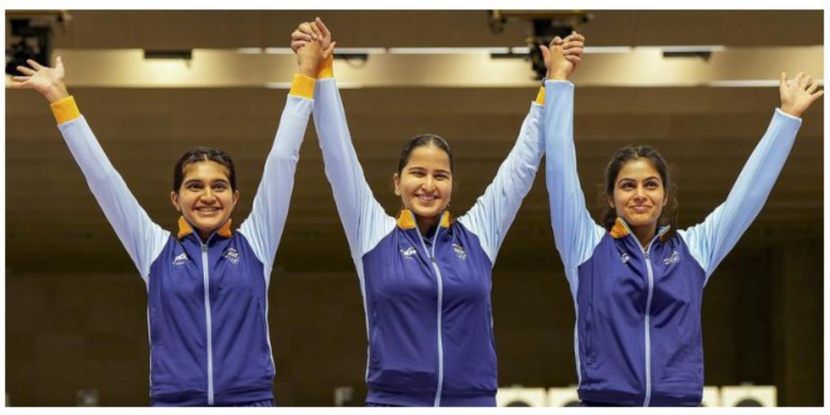
Thirteen-year-old Cui Chenxi became China's youngest gold medallist at the Asian Games when she won the women's street skateboarding on Wednesday. Cui landed her first two individual tricks to race into the lead with a score of 242.62. She failed to land anymore but had already done enough to claim gold.

# It rains medals across the ranges for Indian shooters

Sift strikes it rich in 50m rifle 3 positions, wins individual gold and team silver; in 25m sports pistol, the team claims gold and Esha the silver; Anantjeet bags skeet silver while the trio clinches a bronze

ASIAN GAMES

**Uthra Ganesan**
HANGZHOU



**Shooting stars:** The Indians had a field day in Hangzhou on Wednesday, winning seven medals. The women's 25m sports pistol team struck gold before Sift finished on top in the 50m rifle 3 positions and Ashi bagged the bronze. Esha (25m sports pistol silver), Anantjeet (skeet silver), men's skeet team (bronze) and the women's 50m rifle 3 positions team (silver) completed the tally. PTI

Two gold, three silver and two bronze – that's what the ranges rewarded the Indian shooters with on Wednesday, the most productive so far in both quality and quantity as India's Asian Games medal tally climbed to 22 on the seventh day of competition.

It also pushed India's shooting tally to 12 medals with four days still to go. Esha Singh took silver in 25m sports pistol, Anantjeet Singh Naruka went one better than the legendary Karni Singh (bronze in 1974) as he won India's first silver and only the second medal in skeet. Ashi Chouksey bagged a bronze in 50m rifle 3 positions but the day belonged to Sift Kaur Samra who won gold.

The first and the only individual gold medallist for India at the 19th Asian Games so far with a new Asian, Asian Games and World record in the process, the 22-year old was in a 'happy' place. "I think I can be called a 'happy shooter'. I am not very calculative, I don't think during competition but then again I am thinking about the process, focusing on my technique like the coaches told me," she laughed.

Sift's gold is the first in the Asian Games in 50m rifle 3 positions and only the second for the Indian women in 37 years since Soma Dutta took silver in 1986, the first time when men and women competed separately. A new World Record (469.6 points), bettering the one by Britain's Seonaid McIntosh by 2.6 points, made it special.

"I actually did not know it was a world record. It feels exciting to have won gold and with a World record, especially in China. I had come for the World University Games recently so I knew what kind of noise they make and I was prepared for it. In fact, noise from the rival supporters only motivated me further," Sift declared.

Ashi had a roller-coaster final and came within a shot of silver before faltering on the last attempt.

"Yes I was very nervous going into the last shot and missed my temperament, I don't know what I was feeling or thinking and I missed my timing. So I took a break and when I picked up the rifle again, only 3-4 seconds were left so I just pressed the trigger. But I am not disappointed, I am very proud to get an individual medal on such a platform," said Ashi.

If the rifles boomed with medals, the pistol girls were not to be left behind as the 25m team clinched gold and Esha Singh took home a silver too. At 19, the baby of the team, Esha has enough experience, having started at the age of nine when her father Sachin took her to the Gun For Glory academy. With her father, along with her mentor Gagan Narang, cheering from the stands, Esha shot a series of steady rounds to stay in medal contention right through.

"It feels surreal, to be honest, winning two medals in my first Asian Games, it's not something I had expected. I am fortunate to come from a family that is into sports and grateful to have a father who understands it," Esha said.

For skeet shooter Anantjeet, who also combined with Angad vir Singh Bajwa and Gurjoat Singh Khangura for a skeet team bronze, the medal was yet to sink in. "It feels amazing, it's unreal. It's one of my best days of shooting and the experience was amazing. It was superb and actually fun. I was breaking the target and slowly I was like, 'OK, maybe I can win one medal and maybe I can win another (in the team event)'" said a beaming Anantjeet

THE INDIA SHOW

*A look at some of the Indian performances on Wednesday:*

**Basketball (3x3): Men:** Pool C: bt Macao 21-12; **Women:** Pool A: lost to China 8-22.

**Boxing: Round-of-16: Men:** 63.5kg: Shiva lost to Kultaev (Kgz); 92kg: Sanjeet lost to Mullojonov (Uzb); **Women:** 50kg: Nikhat bt Bak (Kor).

**Chess: Individual: Men:** Round 9: Javokhir (Uzb) bt Vidit; Arjun bt Enamul (Ban); Round 8: Vidit drew with Bilguun (Mgl); Abdusattorov (Uzb) bt Arjun; **Final standings:** 5. Vidit, 6. Arjun.

**Women:** Round 9: Jiner (Chn) lost to Harika; Humpy drew with Assaubayeva (Kaz). Round 8: Harika drew with Humpy; **Final standings:** 4. Harika, 7. Humpy.

**Hockey: Women:** Pool A: bt Singapore 13-0.

**Shooting: Skeet: Men:** Individual (final): Anantjeet (**Silver**); Team: **Bronze** (Angad, Gurjoat, Anantjeet). Women: Team: Fourth (Parinaaz, Darshna, Ganemat).

**Women:** 25m pistol: Individual: Esha (**Silver**), Manu (fifth); Team: **Gold** (Esha, Manu, Rhythm); 50m rifle 3 positions: Individual (final): Sift (**Gold**), Ashi (**Bronze**); Team: **Silver** (Manini, Ashi, Sift).

**Sailing: Men's Dinghy:** ILCA7: Vishnu (**Bronze**).

**Squash (team): Men:** Pool A: bt Kuwait 3-0; lost to Pakistan 1-2; **Women:** Pool B: bt Nepal 3-0; bt Macao 3-0.

**Table Tennis: Men: Doubles (round-of-64):** Manush & Manav bt Nuchchart & Thanmathikom (Tha) 3-2; **Mixed doubles (round-of-32):** Sathiyan & Manika bt Thanmathikom & Sawettabut (Tha) 3-1; Harmeet & Sreeja bt Cheng & Hui-Li (Mac) 3-0.

**Tennis: Men (quarterfinals):** Singles: Zhizhen (Chn) bt Nagal 6-7(3), 6-1, 6-2; **Doubles:** Myneni & Ramkumar bt Zhizhen & Yibing (Chn) 6-1, 7-6(8).

**Women: Singles (quarterfinal):** Kaji (Jpn) bt Ankita 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

**Mixed doubles (round 3):** Rutuja & Bopanna bt Shimizu & Hazawa (Jpn) 6-3, 6-4; Alexandra & Alcantara (Phi) bt Ankita & Bhambri 6-4, 4-6, [10-8].

**Wushu: Women's 60kg semifinals:** Roshibina bt Thuy (Vie).

### Medals Table

| Country | G | S | B | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| China | 76 | 43 | 21 | 140 |
| S. Korea | 19 | 18 | 33 | 70 |
| Japan | 15 | 27 | 24 | 66 |
| Uzbekistan | 6 | 10 | 12 | 28 |
| Thailand | 6 | 3 | 8 | 17 |
| Hong Kong | 5 | 8 | 14 | 27 |
| **India** | **5** | **7** | **10** | **22** |
| Indonesia | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 |
| Singapore | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| Chinese Taipei | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 |

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

*A look at some Indian players/teams who will compete on Thursday (all times IST):*

**Artistic Gymnastics:** Women's vault (final): Pranati (noon).

**Badminton: Women's team round-of-16:** (Sindhu, Ashmita, Anupama, Malvika, Gayatri & Treesa, Ashwini & Tanisha), 6.30 a.m.

**Boxing (round-of-16): Women's 60kg:** Jaismine vs. Hadeel (KSA), noon; **Men's 51kg:** Deepak vs. Tsuboi (Jpn), 5.30 p.m.; **71kg:** Nishant vs. Bui (Vie), 6.45 p.m.

**Football: Men's round-of-16:** vs. Saudi Arabia, 5 p.m.

**Golf: Men's individual and team round 1** (Anirban, Shubhankar, Chawrasia, Khalin); **Women's individual and team round 1** (Aditi, Avani, Pranavi), 4 a.m.

**Hockey: Men:** Pool A: vs. Japan, 6.15 p.m.

**Shooting:** 10m air pistol men's qualification round, team medals and individual final (Sarabjot, Shiva, Arjun); Skeet mixed team qualification, bronze and gold medal matches (Anantjeet, Ganemat), 6.30 a.m.

**Squash (team): Women:** Pool B: vs. Malaysia (10 a.m.); Men: Pool A: vs. Nepal (1.30 p.m.).

**Swimming: Women (heats and finals):** 50m freestyle: Shivangi; 4x200m freestyle relay; Men: 50m butterfly (heats and final): Vikram; 800m freestyle (slow and fast heats): Aryan, Kushagra; 4x100m freestyle relay (heats and final), 7.30 a.m.

**Table tennis:** Women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, 7.30 a.m.

**Tennis:** Men's doubles semifinals: Myneni & Ramkumar vs. Soon-woo & Seong-chan (Kor); Mixed doubles quarterfinals: Rutuja & Bopanna vs. Kulambayeva & Lomakin (Kaz), 11.30 a.m.

**Wushu:** Women's 60kg final: Roshibina vs. Xiaowei (Chn), 7 a.m.

# Marsh, Maxwell lead Aussies' walk in the park

**Nailing it:** Maxwell, by castling Shreyas, dashed the last hope in India's chase. VIJAY SONEJI

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

**P.K. Ajith Kumar**
RAJKOT

Mitchell Marsh called it the hottest condition he faced as a batter. Steve Smith had a chair brought to the middle to sit on. Marnus Labuschagne didn't seem to be troubled as much, however.

The trio's handsome contributions – as well as a third successive fifty by David Warner – helped Australia post a formidable 352 for seven and then Glenn Maxwell rolled his golden arm over. All that meant Pat Cummins's men could put an end to a five-game losing streak and avoid a whitewash.

With the 66-run win in the final ODI at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium here on Wednesday, Australia reduced India's winning margin in the series to 2-1. Fifties from skipper Rohit Sharma (81, 57b, 5x4, 6x6) and Virat Kohli (56, 61b, 5x4, 1x6), both playing for the first time in the series, raised hopes for the host in front of a packed house, but Maxwell's spell spelt doom.

His tidy off-spin, which was more about line and length and variations in speed, fetched him a career-best four for 40. He began by accounting for Washington Sundar, who opened with Rohit.

The Tamil Nadu all-rounder played the supporting role well, helping add 74 inside with the skipper inside the 11th over. He was well caught by Labuschagne, running in from the long-off boundary.

Maxwell then took a stunning reflex catch off his own bowling to remove Rohit and had his Royal Challengers Bangalore teammate Kohli ballooning a catch to Smith at mid-wicket. By knocking off the off-stump of the centurion from the last game, Shreyas Iyer (48, 43b, 1x4, 2x6), he took Australia closer to victory.

Earlier, Marsh (96, 84b, 13x4, 3x6) and Warner (56, 34b, 6x4, 4x6) didn't waste too much time on the flat track before tearing into India's formidable new-ball pair of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, both in their first game of the series. The first change, Prasidh Krishna, wasn't spared either, with Warner belting him for 19.

Australia raced to 78 for no loss in just eight overs. But off the first ball of the ninth over, Warner fell over while trying to scoop Prasidh over fine-leg and was caught behind.

Marsh, though, continued to strike the ball sweetly and his new partner Smith too kept the scoreboard moving fast; and the first 10 overs produced 90.

The second-wicket stand had been worth 137, off just 119 balls, when Marsh cut a short-pitched googly from Kuldeep Yadav straight into the hands of Prasidh at point. It was a fabulous innings by Marsh, and his disappointment at missing out on a hundred was understandable.

Smith soon joined him in the dressing room; he tried to flick Siraj and missed the line. But, Labuschagne (72, 58b, 9x4) was determined to continue giving headaches to the Aussie selectors, in what was his last opportunity before the World Cup squad is finalised on Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

**AUSTRALIA**
David Warner c Rahul b Prasidh 56 *(34b, 6x4, 4x6)*, Mitchell Marsh c Prasidh b Kuldeep 96 *(84b, 13x4, 3x6)*, Steve Smith lbw b Siraj 74 *(61b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Marnus Labuschagne c Shreyas b Bumrah 72 *(58b, 9x4)*, Alex Carey c Kohli b Bumrah 11 *(19b, 1x4)*, Glenn Maxwell b Bumrah 5 *(7b)*, Cameron Green c Shreyas b Kuldeep 9 *(13b, 1x4)*, Pat Cummins (not out) 19 *(22b, 1x4)*, Mitchell Starc (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-8): 9; Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 352.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-78 (Warner, 8.1 overs), 2-215 (Marsh, 27.6), 3-242 (Smith, 31.3), 4-267 (Carey, 36.6), 5-281 (Maxwell, 38.6), 6-299 (Green, 42.3), 7-345 (Labuschagne, 48.6).

**INDIA BOWLING**
Bumrah 10-0-81-3, Siraj 9-0-68-1, Prasidh 5-0-45-1, Jadeja 10-0-61-0, Washington 10-0-48-0, Kuldeep 6-0-48-2.

**INDIA**
Rohit Sharma c & b Maxwell 81 *(57b, 5x4, 6x6)*, Washington Sundar c Labuschagne b Maxwell 18 *(30b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Virat Kohli c Smith b Maxwell 56 *(61b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Shreyas Iyer b Maxwell 48 *(43b, 1x4, 2x6)*, K.L. Rahul c Carey b Starc 26 *(30b, 2x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Maxwell b Hazlewood 8 *(7b, 1x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja lbw b Sangha 35 *(36b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Kuldeep Yadav b Hazlewood 2 *(12b)*, Jasprit Bumrah c Labuschagne b Cummins 5 *(11b, 1x4)*, Mohammed Siraj c Cummins b Green 1 *(8b)*, Prasidh Krishna (not out) 0 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-5): 6; Total (in 49.4 overs): 286.

**FALL OF WICKETS**
1-74 (Washington, 10.5), 2-144 (Rohit, 20.6), 3-171 (Kohli, 26.5), 4-223 (Rahul, 35.5), 5-233 (Suryakumar, 37.2), 6-249 (Shreyas, 38.3), 7-257 (Kuldeep, 41.5), 8-270 (Bumrah, 45.3), 9-286 (Jadeja, 48.3).

**AUSTRALIA BOWLING**
Starc 7-0-53-1, Hazlewood 8-0-42-2, Cummins 8-0-59-1, Green 6.4-0-30-1, Maxwell 10-0-40-4, Sangha 10-0-61-1.

**Toss:** Australia.
**PoM:** Maxwell; **PoS:** Gill.
*Australia won by 66 runs, India clinched series 2-1.*

## INBRIEF

### Double delight for shuttlers Sai Pushkar and Shaina

Sai Pushkar and Shaina Mani Muthu scored a double in the under-13 category of the Yonex-Sunrise Karnataka State badminton championship in Hosapete on Wednesday.

**The results (finals): U-13: Boys:** Sai Pushkar bt Devansh Chowdhury 21-9, 21-10; **doubles:** Eswar Sai Katam & Sai Pushkar bt Devansh Chowdhury & C. Vihaan 21-7, 21-11. **Girls:** Shaina Mani Muthu bt Dhanya Manjunath 21-9, 21-16; **doubles:** Shaina & Nabiha Shariff bt Shreya Kandibilla & P. Shree Nagalakshmi 21-12, 21-12. **U-11: Boys:** Sanshray Sunil bt Ishaan Vishal Pathak 21-15, 21-17; doubles: Daksh Chaitanya Dhotrad & Ishaan Vishal Pathak bt G. Neerav & R. Vivaan 21-10, 19-21, 21-18. **Girls:** Johanna Ahilan bt Akshara Shrinidhi 21-14, 22-20; **doubles:** M.N. Punya & Shambhavi Sharma bt B.V. Vrishti Kaveramma & Rushitha Gopinath 21-17, 21-9.

### Kishan tops the first round of National tenpin bowling

R. Kishan of Karnataka maintained the top spot as the first round of the ARC 32nd National tenpin bowling championships concluded in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Kishan (pinfall 2716) leads Shabbir Dhankot of Tamil Nadu by 211 pins. Dhruv Sarda (Delhi, 2416) and Akaash Ashok Kumar (Karnataka, 2359) are third and fourth.

### Ngairangbm helps FC Deccan hold Real Chikkamagaluru

Ngairangbm Rakesh Singh earned FC Deccan a late point, helping his side earn a 1-1 draw against Real Chikkamagaluru in the BDFA Super Division League football in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

**The results:** MFAR Students Union FC 1 (S. Akshya 61) bt Rebels FC 0; Real Chikkamagaluru FC 1 (Jibin Devasst 90+6) drew with FC Deccan 1 (Ngairangbm Rakesh Singh 90+7).

### MotoGP to return to India in September 2024

The global governing body of motorcycle racing, FIM, announced MotoGP's return to India in 2024 with the race scheduled on September 22 in the provisional calendar.

### Fermin Lopez salvages a draw for Barcelona at Mallorca

Fermin Lopez gave Barcelona a 2-2 draw at Real Mallorca on Tuesday, which the team's lead in LaLiga.

**The results: Serie A:** Juventus 1 (Milik 57) drew with Lecce 0; **LaLiga:** Sevilla 5 (En-Nesyri 7, Lukebakio 8, Suso 38, Lamela 51, Salas 90+2) bt Almeria 1 (Suarez 71-pen); Mallorca 2 (Muriqi 8, Prats 45+3) drew with Barcelona 2 (Raphinha 41, Lopez 75).

# Vishnu Saravanan secures bronze after unfavourable conditions have the last laugh

The sailor, who claimed the third place in Dinghy ILCA7, is optimistic about a good show at the Paris Olympics

ASIAN GAMES

**Uthra Ganesan**
HANGZHOU

Vishnu Saravanan added another bronze to Indian sailing on Thursday after the day's races were cancelled due to unfavourable conditions and results declared on the basis of individual positions at the end of the 10th race.

Saravanan finished third in the Men's Dinghy ILCA7 with 34 net points, just one behind South Korea's Jeemin Ha (33). Singapore's Jun Han Ryan Lo took gold (26).

"As the wind conditions in the course area did not meet the requirement of racing, no medal races were completed today. According to the sailing instructions, the results of the previous day's Open Series are final," the official communication stated.

There are multiple races in sailing and athletes are awarded points for every race with one point for the top finisher, two for the second and so on. In the ILCA7 category, there are 11 races and the net score is calculated by deducting the worst race score from the overall score. The competitor with the lowest net score is adjudged the winner.

**Wind in the sails:** Vishnu Saravanan is hungry for more after his recent success. HANGZHOU2022.CN

With the 11th and final race not held on Wednesday, scores at the end of the 10th race were considered for medals at the Ningbo Xiangshan Sailing Centre, 150 kilometres from Hangzhou.

**Disappointed**

The 24-year old Saravanan admitted to be disappointed to lose out on a silver by a single point but was happy to finish on the podium.

"We arrived early and trained for 15 days in the water so we knew the local current and weather. And then the first three days it was completely opposite to what we had trained in, so we had to be always switched on! It was difficult to keep the consistency because the level (of competition) was very similar and the fleet was also spread out.

"Lots of positives, few mistakes done but really proud of the way I sailed. A medal is a medal, it could have been much worse," Vishnu admitted.

His next target is to finish in the top-10 at the Olympics – he was 20th at Tokyo.

"I know people would say it's difficult but I like to put a personal challenge and work towards it. The worst that can happen is I won't achieve it but at least I have a target."

# Perennial underachiever Bangladesh can cause a stir or two

WC COUNTDOWN

**Amol Karhadkar**

Ever since making its World Cup debut in 1999, Bangladesh has qualified for each of the six editions so far. Still, being the perennial underachiever it is, the Bangladesh team still enters the showpiece event with an intention of causing a few upsets rather than making a case for the crown.

The case will be no different in 2023, as Shakib Al Hasan's Tigers will hope to improve on its eighth-place finish four years ago.

In none of the previous six editions has Bangladesh won more than three games. And that's far fewer than the requisite number in order to qualify for the knockouts.

**Best result**

In a 14-team event in 2015, riding on its three wins (and a washed out game), Bangladesh made it to the quarterfinal – its best result – before being blown away by Rohit Sharma's hundred in the last eight.

One of the problems plaguing the Bangladesh outfit is the over-reliance on veterans and a lack of consistent support from the younger crop. The same will be on display over the next two months as old warhorses Shakib and Mushfiqur Rahim will have to lead from the front.

**Lynchpin:** Shakib will hold the key for Bangladesh as one of the leading all-rounders in world cricket. AP

**ACE IN THE PACK**

**Shakib Al Hasan:** He has literally carried the weight of the team on his shoulders for more than a decade now. He is the leading wicket-taker for his side in ODIs. He and Mushfiqur Rahim keep vying for the second place in the highest run-getters' list.
Add to that the fact that he will yet again lead Bangladesh in a World Cup and you will realise that Shakib Al Hasan's form will be key to Bangladesh's performance in the World Cup.

**Able support staff**

The duo – along with an able support staff including Chandika Hathurasingha and Allan Donald – will also have to ensure that the ripple effect of controversy surrounding Tamim Iqbal's omission does not hamper the group.

While Shakib will obviously hold the key as one of the leading all-rounders in world cricket, he will be hoping for Mehidy Hasan Miraz to rise to the big occasion. Besides his skilful off-spin bowling, Mehidy, over the last few years, has emerged as a consistent batter. Should he take the load off Mushfiqur and Shakib, it may result in Litton Das at the top and youngsters Towhid Hridoy and Nasum Ahmed batting freely at the death.

It will also be interesting to see how Najmul Hasan Shanto and Mahmudullah Riyadh perform in contrasting situations. While Mahmudullah needs to justify the tag of a senior pro, Shanto will be under pressure to come good after being elevated to vice-captaincy for the World Cup.

As for the pace pack, with Ebadot Hossain having been sidelined due to fitness issues, the onus will be on Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman to showcase their experience and maturity.

If the right-arm and left-arm pace combination comes good, Bangladesh can at least hope to cause a few upsets – the main target at the event – before returning home after the league stage.

**The squad:** Shakib Al Hasan (Capt.), Litton Das, Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Najmul Hossain Shanto (Vice-capt.), Tawhid Hridoy, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Nasum Ahmed, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Taskin Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Hasan Mahmud, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib.

### Bangladesh

**World Cup numbers**

| | M | W | L | NR |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Overall | 40 | 14 | 25 | 1 |
| **H2H against teams in the 2023 edition** | | | | |
| vs. Afghanistan | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. England | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| vs. South Africa | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| vs. Netherlands | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| vs. Pakistan | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| vs. India | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| vs. Australia | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| vs. Sri Lanka | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| vs. New Zealand | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**The Bangladesh caravan**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. 7 | vs. Afghanistan | Dharamshala | 10.30 a.m. |
| Oct. 10 | vs. England | Dharamshala | 10.30 a.m. |
| Oct. 13 | vs. New Zealand | Chennai | 2 p.m. |
| **Oct. 19** | **vs. India** | **Pune** | **2 p.m.** |
| Oct. 24 | vs. South Africa | Mumbai | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 28 | vs. Netherlands | Kolkata | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 31 | vs. Pakistan | Kolkata | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 6 | vs. Sri Lanka | Delhi | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 11 | vs. Australia | Pune | 10.30 a.m. |

# Boumos is Bagan's hero against Bengaluru

**On target:** Boumous slots in Bagan's winner. DEBASISH BHADURI

ISL-10

**Amitabha Das Sharma**
KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan Super Giant got past nine-man Bengaluru FC by a solitary goal in a keenly contested ISL-10 encounter here on Wednesday to continue its supremacy over the rival it beat in the last season's final.

Hugo Boumous scored the only goal of the match, off a Jason Cummings, in the 68th minute as Bagan recorded its second consecutive win at home.

Bengaluru went down to nine men after conceding the goal as Suresh Wangjam and Roshan Singh were ejected for committing serious fouls against the Bagan forward Dimitri Petratos.

The opening half was more about Bagan's attack against Bengaluru's defence. The latter presented a good organisation at the backline and succeeded in keeping the relentless host at bay.

**The result:** Mohun Bagan FC 1 (Boumous 68) bt Bengaluru FC 0.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**Asian Games**: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.30 a.m.
**ISL**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8 p.m.
**LaLiga**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Friday)
**Serie A**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Friday)

# Evaldo expected to score in the Maharaja's Cup

RACING

MYSURU: Evaldo, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Maharaja's Cup (1,600m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Sept. 28). False rails (width about 1.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

The postponed last race from Wednesday (Sept. 27) will be run first.

**INDRADHANUSH PLATE (DIV. I),** (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Magic Circle (12) Koshi K 61, 2. Defining Power (10) Kiran Rai 60, 3. Free Spirited (9) Faiz 60, 4. Legionary (5) Angad 59, 5. D Warrior (1) R. Shiva K 58.5, 6. Eye The Mind (8) B. Dharshan 58, 7. Seventh Samurai (11) Antony 57, 8. Dalhousie (3) T. Pavan 55.5, 9. Mighty Swallow (13) Arvind K 55.5, 10. Percivale (7) Jagadeesh 55.5, 11. Dame Fonteyn (14) Abhishek Mhatre 55, 12. Rembrandt (2) Shreyas S 55, 13. Nishk (15) Prabhu K 54.5, 14. Flying Brave (4) S. Shareef 54 and 15. D United (6) M. Rajesh K 51.
**1. REMBRANDT, 2. MYGHTY SWALLOW, 3. SEVENTH SAMURAI**

**1 JAYANAGARA PLATE** (2,000m), rated 20 to 45, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Burmese (2) Salman Khan 61, 2. Dear Lady (3) Neeraj 60, 3. Natural Gold (5) G. Vivek 60, 4. Ruling Dynasty (6) Akshay K 60, 5. Estefania (1) Antony 53.5 and 6. Sand Castles (4) Hindu S 53.
**1. RULING DYNASTY, 2. DEAR LADY**

**2 VALAROSO PLATE** (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 2-30: 1. Cletus (1) A. Merchant 61.5, 2. Mark One (8) Ram Nandan 60, 3. Biometric (2) S. Shareef 58.5, 4. Kingofthejungle (4) M. Rajesh K 57, 5. Beat The Odds (7) R. Shiva K 52, 6. Spirit Of The Rose (3) G. Vivek 51.5, 7. Ultimate Striker (6) Vinod Shinde 51.5 and 8. Copper Sunrise (5) Angad 50.
**1. SPIRIT OF THE ROSES, 2. ULTIMATE STRIKER, 3. COPPER SUNRISE**

**3 AUNTY PIP PLATE** (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. War Song (15) Kiran Rai 61.5, 2. Bacchus (6) Gautam Raj 60.5, 3. Morganite (1) Afsar Khan 60.5, 4. Shivalik Sound (9) Tousif 60.5, 5. Chilly Breeze (3) Faiz 59.5, 6. Natural Fly (8) Inayat 59, 7. D Golden Cup (7) S. Qureshi 58.5, 8. Ironic Humour (4) Angad 58.5, 9. Swiss Tigress (11) M. Rajesh K 58.5, 10. News Maker (5) J. Paswan 57.5, 11. California Gold (14) A. Merchant 57, 12. Fleet Tactical (13) R. Shiva K 56, 13. Miss China (10) Shezad Khan 55.5, 14. Airvelocity (2) M. Shahid 52.5 and 15. Infinite Grace (12) Salman Khan 51.5.
**1. NATURAL FLY, 2. CALIFORNIA GOLD, 3. INFINITE GRACE**

**4 K.T.SHAMAIAH GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY** (1,400m), rated 60 & above, 3-30: 1. Ashtar (10) T. Pavan 60.5, 2. Vijaya Falcon (5) G. Vivek 60, 3. Contributor (8) P. Sai K 58.5, 4. Viva La Vida (9) Antony 56, 5. Ghyama (1) Inayat 55.5, 6. Ignorance Is Bliss (4) M. Shahid 54, 7. Heroism (3) Arshad 53.5, 8. Jewel Thief (2) Angad 53.5, 9. Mountain Lion (6) Abhishek Mhatre 52.5 and 10. Achook (7) Vinod Shinde 51.
**1. VIJAYA FALCON, 2. CONTRIBUTOR, 3. JEWEL THIEF**

**5 MAHARAJA'S CUP** (1,600m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. A Star Is Born (5) Suraj 60, 2. Evaldo (4) Akshay K 59, 3. General Atlantic (3) A. Agarwal 52, 4. Santorino (1) Antony 52 and 5. Shubankar (2) G. Vivek 52.
**1. EVALDO, 2. A STAR IS BORN**

**6 SON OF THE LIGHT PLATE (DIV. II),** (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Wind Power (5) A. Merchant 60, 2. The King N I (1) Koshi K 58.5, 3. Baltimore (11) Antony 57.5, 4. Benignity (10) S. Hussain 57.5, 5. Sacred Creator (8) Angad 57.5, 6. D Don King (3) S. Brahmmesh 56.5, 7. Solo Prince (4) L.A. Rozario 56, 8. Jersey Legend (9) Arvind K 55.5, 9. War Trail (6) Inayat 55.5, 10. Dawn Rising (2) G. Vivek 54 and 11. Many Moons (7) Abhishek Mhatre 52.5.
**1. THE KING N I, 2. SOLO PRINCE, 3. SECRED CREATOR**

**7 SON OF THE LIGHT PLATE (DIV. I),** (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: .1. Air Display (2) Inayat 62.5, 2. Four Wheel Drive (4) Tousif 62, 3. Osiris (11) M. Naveen 61.5, 4. Wind Whistler (6) Kiran Rai 61, 5. March To Victory (9) Ram Nandan 59.5, 6. Michelle Pride (8) Prabhu K 59, 7. Mr Humble (5) P. Surya 59, 8. Ombudsman (10) Vinod Shinde 59, 9. Coorg General (3) B. Dharshan 58, 10. Capri Girl (7) R. Pradeep 57.5, 11. Pastiche (1) Darshan 57.5 and 12. Phoenix Surprise (12) Arvind K 57.5.
**1. MR HUMBLE, 2. AIR DISPLAY, 3. PASTICHE**
Day's best: **EVALDO**
Double: **RULING DYNASTY – SPIRIT OF THE ROSE**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Mini Jkt: 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

# Indian junior shuttlers keep winning

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NEW DELHI

The Indian team continued its winning streak at the World junior badminton championships with a 5-0 win over Brazil at Spokane (USA) on Wednesday. India was scheduled to face Germany next with the outcome deciding the group topper.

# Eternal Princess wins Civil Services Trophy

MYSURU: S. Narredu-trained Eternal Princess (Vinod Shinde up) won the Civil Services Trophy, the main event of the races here on Wednesday (Sept 27). The winner is owned by M/s. K. Kaliyaperumal, Teja Gollapudi, M. Ravi & Mrs. R. Chellam.

Owing to heavy rain rendering underfoot conditions not conducive for racing, the stewards of the Mysore Race Club decided to postpone the last race (Indradhanush Plate Div. I) and same will be run on Thursday (Sept. 28) at 1.30 p.m.

**THE RESULTS:**

**1. PENAMBUR PLATE: UDUKAI** (Koshi K) 1, Elite Agent (Angad) 2, Game Boy (A. Merchant) 3 and Saro Bird (T. Pavan) 4. 1, 6 and 3-1/2. 1m, 39.61s. ₹44 (w), 18, 13 and 12 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 52, FP: 148, Q: 67, Trinella: 432, Exacta: 36,766. Favourite: Elite Agent.
Owner: Bachhawat Farms Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Vikram Bachhawat. Trainer: M. Eshwer.

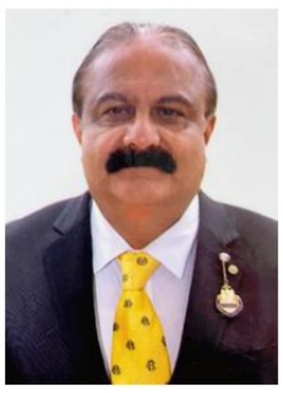
**2. SHIMSHA PLATE: INEFFABLE** (A.K. Aniket) 1, I Can (Kiran Rai) 2, Ochre (Abhishek Mhatre) 3 and D Thirteen Twelve (Inayat) 4. Hd, 1/2 and 3. 1m, 05.16s. ₹43 (w), 15, 10 and 23 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 41, FP: 135, Q: 35, Trinella: 366, Exacta: 3,093. Favourite: I Can.
Owners: M/s. P.I. Joseph & Mr. George Tharakan. Trainer: Md. Sajid Qureshi.

**3. RANGA FAMILY CUP: TENALI** (Kiran Rai) 1, Spiritual Force (Shreyas S) 2, Real Show (M. Rajesh K) 3 and Minx (B. Dharshan) 4. Not run: Eddie The Eagle. Lnk, 5 and 2-1/4. 1m, 11.72s. ₹15 (w), 10, 10 and 44 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 71, FP: 24, Q: 15, Trinella: 421, Exacta: 1,927. Favourite: Tenali.
Owner: Swiss Stud & Livestock Pvt Ltd. Trainer: S. Ramesh.

**4. CIVIL SERVICES TROPHY: ETERNAL PRINCESS** (Vinod Shinde) 1, Amreli (Trevor) 2, Michigan Melody (Antony) 3 and Tracer Bullet (Inayat) 4. 1/2, 6-1/2 and 2. 1m, 09.63s. ₹43 (w), 10, 11 and 15 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 35, FP: 104, Q: 31, Trinella: 259, Exacta: 1,326. Favourite: Amreli.
Owners: M/s. K. Kaliyaperumal, Teja Gollapudi, M. Ravi & Mrs. R. Chellam. Trainer: S. Narredu.

**5. INDRADHANUSH PLATE (DIV. II): ANGELES** (Antony) 1, Inexhaustible (Prabhu K) 2, Twilight Fame (Angad) 3 and Natural Hunter (Koshi K) 4. Not run: The Atlantus and Superhero. 10-1/4, 1-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 25.26s. ₹26 (w), 14, 78 and 21 (p), SHP: 219, THP: 59, FP: 1,413, Q: 2,221, Trinella: 7,451, Exacta: 40,772. Favourite: Multisided.
Owners: Diamond Band Racing Syndicate Pvt Ltd rep by Mr. Shiven Surendranath, Dr. Syed Ainuddin Arif, M/s. Kersi H Vachha & Haider Soomar. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

Jackpot: ₹1,349 (nine tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: 106 (eight tkts.).
Treble (i): 467 (one tkt.); (ii): 231 (21 tkt.).



Arvind Raghavan.

# Arvind Raghavan elected chairman of Bangalore Turf Club

**Sports Bureau**
BENGALURU

Arvind Raghavan was unanimously elected chairman & senior steward of the Bangalore Turf Club at the first meeting of the members of the managing committee of the club here on Wednesday.

**Stewards:** Arvind Raghavan, Shankar Babu and T.H.R. Rajeev; **Govt. nominees:** Addl. chief secretary to government, finance department, and Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City. **Committee members:** Darshan Lokesh and Dayanad R. Mandre.